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FRATERNITY EXPANSION

We, who stayed at home, have been unusually fortunate in being able to share the enthusiasm of last summer's convention. Even the bare details in the minutes are full of energy, spirit and good work accomplished; and for this, much credit is due Miss Green. The Journal too, has been full of the convention-story, and delegates came home eager to tell of their experiences in Philadelphia. I feel that there has been a wonderful awakening of Theta spirit.

What is the meaning of all this enthusiasm? It means that Kappa Alpha Theta is certainly advancing along the best lines. One has only to read the historical number of the Journal to realize the rapid and splendid growth of our fraternity. Our organization is one to be proud of. And to what do we owe our great success? To our chapter-roll. Our attainments today are due to the fact that representative woman in the best universities of America have allied themselves with Kappa Alpha Theta. From the beginning a wise and generous spirit of expansion has animated our fraternity. "Good, the more communicated, the more abundant grows," was surely one of the first principles of our founders, and it is this spirit that has brought Kappa Alpha Theta into national prominence.

It is, therefore, with conviction that I say that the strength of Kappa Alpha Theta lies in her chapter-roll, and our chapter-roll has not reached its limit. With the growth of education in America, Theta expansion must continue. The time has come when our newer state universities are worthy of our attention; so are the universities of our larger cities.

To meet the demands of widening opportunities, Theta has instituted extension committees. These will insure wisdom and discretion in founding new chapters and an alertness in seizing desirable locations. To quote from the "Key" of Kappa Kappa Gamma for April, 1906: "I believe in judicious fraternity extension. Nothing so proves the sagacity of a fraternity as its timely pre-emption and occupation of good ground. Nothing so surely indicates its narrowness and unrealized weakness as the conceited conservatism which fails to reach out for the good on every side." To my mind there is no doubt that with the widening of her sphere, Theta will grow in strength and power.

And if we are to enter new fields, let us not enter a good field *too late*. We all know the value of prestige. Theta cannot afford to wait until some other fraternity has discovered the desirable ground and gained a foothold. Among groups of girls applying for charters, there is always a choice. Let Kappa Alpha Theta begin with the best material.

Sometimes one hears the argument that we have enough chapters, that we should strengthen those we have. Yes, let us strengthen the chapters already existing, but how do it by denying a charter to a group of girls who, by all our ideals and standards, should belong to Kappa Alpha Theta? Are not new chapters an inspiration to the older ones? To quote from the "Anchora" of Delta Gamma: "The great benefit of fraternity expansion comes not so much in the acquisition of new chapters as in the greater vigor and life it puts into the old." Are we not a stronger fraternity for the addition of our new chapters,—those in Toronto, Texas, and Tennessee? To this question we would all answer yes. Then why doubt the advantage of judicious fraternity extension? In considering new fields save us from the two extremes: careless, hasty granting of charters and blind, narrow conservatism. With our present method of investigation by extension committees, grand council,

active and alumnae chapters, I believe that Kappa Alpha Theta is in little danger of entering inferior fields.

In the work of fraternity expansion we can make good use of alumnae chapters. Those in our larger cities are made up of Thetas from all parts of the country, who are actively interested in the welfare of Kappa Alpha Theta. Zeta Alumnae, with an active membership of nearly fifty and representing seven active chapters, has already interested herself in Butler College.

The long list of alumnae chapters is another sign of increasing interest in our fraternity. Let us make the list still longer. College life is at an end in four years and who is ready to give up Theta associations in so short a time? The alumnae chapters offer a life-long membership. After having belonged to Zeta Alumnae more than twice as long as I was a member of my college chapter, I can say this: While college days had their peculiar pleasures, which I would not exchange for any others, life in the alumnae chapter has had even a deeper significance. The alumnae chapters prove the enduring qualities of our Theta ideals. They prove, too, that there is a Theta type. Mrs. Berryhill, a member of Alpha in 1874, now president of Zeta Alumnae, once said to me: "In no club or church organization does one meet the *even* character and type of womanhood that one finds throughout our alumnae chapter."

There can be no doubt as to the advantage of alumnae chapters. We need more of them. With their growth and the judicious extension of active chapters, Kappa Alpha Theta will ever grow toward a greater fraternity. Let me say again that the strength of Kappa Alpha Theta lies in her chapter-roll.

EMMA VIRGINIA PEARSON.

CHAPTER CRISES

Much is told us in the abstract of what our attitude and action should be when the dark days of chapter history are upon us—and come they may, however alertly we guard. On one side the chapter life is analogous to the individual's, on the other to that of the state. Constant watchfulness is the surest preventive of trouble, as well with the individual as with the state, but should a crisis come, the only thing with which to meet it is the inner developed temper, the *character* which has power to down all adversity. In the chapter, that quality of character, developed through years of peace, will uphold in the day of storm and stress. Should the crisis come, view it, for justice's sake, from all sides; bar out the personal, and bring it, for safety's sake, within the law,—that is, under the provisions of our Constitution. Do not fear to appeal to your grand officers upon whose sympathy and experience you may rely. Less trouble is involved by direct appeal to them, and less censure apt to be incurred, for they stand ready to assist and can often do so more effectively in the first stages of a crisis than in its later complications. Make yourselves personally acquainted with your district president; she has many chapters, and little time; you are but one chapter and can devise a means; distance may be overcome, and at a critical time the personal knowledge is a strong help to you both.

The older chapters, which have been through some crises in their history, know, looking back on them, that the solution, hard as it was, made them stronger as a whole, and knitted them individually closer than ever uneventful happiness and prosperity could have done. So meet your crises with faith in your strength, and remember in the pressure of anxiety that beside the moral aspect, is the legal, in which there stand ready to help you a Constitution and a Grand Council.

MARION WHIPPLE GARRETTSON.

CHAPTER POLICY

We often hear it said that our fraternity ideals are broad enough to be a guiding influence in the lives of mature people. This is as it should be; the aim of any organization must be broad if it is to be progressive. But the individual chapter needs in addition something more tangible than this, something less comprehensive than our constitution demands.

Each fraternity in a college ought to stand for a certain type and this type may vary from time to time as individuals of striking personality, but with different aims, are initiated. The Grand Council sanctions the granting of a charter to a group who seem to be a good type of college women. Has not the chapter a distinct duty in maintaining as nearly as possible a membership of that type? It is possible to have one predominating element without forfeiting originality. To this end a chapter policy might be framed. Thus new members could be correctly informed of the ambitions of their predecessors. The "mouth to mouth" method of holding on to tradition *should* be a thing of the past.

Every chapter has experienced a barrier, variably slight or great, between its alumnae and active members. It comes inevitably from a misunderstanding of some sort. "The girls now are not like those of our time. Do you think their standards are the same?" is a repetitional remark. An alumna with a true interest coexistent with her external in-harmony, refrains from condemning her juniors without facts and without a clear cut standard of comparison. With a definite policy she can know what to expect of her chapter and can more easily suggest improvements than where there is too great latitude of action.

The benefits of such a policy would be three-fold: I. The chapter would have a specific code by which to choose and guide new members. II. The relation between alumnae and active members would be improved. III. The district president could judge the chapter by what it expects of

itself rather than by the standard of her own chapter, an infinitely fairer way.

Some chapters may have already included a local policy in their by-laws under Standing Rules. Should this not be generally adopted?

MARY W. LIPPINCOTT,
President of Alpha District.

SUSAN M. KINGSBURY

Necessarily only the small minority of college trained women do work after leaving college that can be summed up in terms of positive accomplishment. The work Miss Susan M. Kingsbury has done in this field of positive results is inspiring, for its record of what a woman with good health, strong will power, and clear brain creating her own opportunities, has been able to accomplish. To the untutored in historical research it is not so much the rarity of the manuscripts she has discovered, or even their scholarly editing, that gives the point of interest in considering her work. It is rather the character and ability she has shown in attaining her present success through regular, systematic work, much of it carried on side by side with successful teaching and home duties.

Miss Kingsbury's name comes especially before us at this time because of the publication by the Library of Congress of her doctor's thesis, entitled, "An Introduction to the Record of the Virginia Company of London." Of this book the Librarian of Congress, Mr. Herbert Putnam, says in his last report (p. 55): "The introduction and a very full bibliography * * * will prove of the highest utility in describing the important documents of the company's career, their various forms or versions, their location in public and private collections, and their relations to the Company and the general history of the time. More than 800 separate titles are thus fully described, and they apply to the period 1600 to 1626, or only about a quarter of a century. The list



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must be regarded as one of the most detailed and extensive examples of bibliography ever undertaken in this country, and to the historian and collector * * * will prove an invaluable guide." In a foreword to the volume itself he adds: "It is the result of careful and laborious research by its author, Miss Kingsbury, who has made herself expert, not merely as to the main documents, but as to collateral and subsidiary documents, both in this country and abroad." The present volume, however, though occupying over 200 pages of a large paper edition, is only the first of three, and discusses the records of the corporation which founded the first successful colony in America, on the James River in 1607. The second volume, containing the reprints of the records and other documents, is soon to follow, and to quote from the *American Historical Review* (January, 1905), "The Library now announces its intention to publish the third volume, which will contain the records of the company other than its minutes, now in the Division of Manuscripts, together with the letters, commissions, records of cases, and other papers discovered in England by Miss Susan M. Kingsbury, during the past year."

Many of these manuscripts are extremely unique and valuable, for the study not only of the Colony of Virginia, but also of all English colonial movements. The first commissions issued to governors of colonies by an English body, were found by Miss Kingsbury among the Ashmolean manuscripts in the Bodleian Library of Oxford, dating from 1609. In the Public Record Office she found the record of the suit which the Crown of England brought against the company to dissolve its charter, known as the *Quo Warranto*. This is the first record of the sort which has been discovered with regard to the colonies. The largest number of manuscripts, heretofore unknown, were found in the Library of Magdalene College, Cambridge, known as the Ferrar papers. When this series is published, the Library of Congress will possess at least 284 manuscripts which

have heretofore never been in print, in addition to a large number of those which have been calendared only, and which are now in the Public Record Office, and about one hundred, which have heretofore not been known, in addition to the unpublished sections of the two volumes of minutes which have been for all the years in the Library of Congress. There is a special timeliness about the publication of these records of the Virginia Colony, since Congress is planning to celebrate next year the Colony's three hundredth anniversary.

Miss Kingsbury's undergraduate work was at the University of the Pacific, in California, and here she became a charter member of Phi chapter, doing much for its early organization. After graduation she taught history in a San Francisco high school, at the same time pursuing graduate study at Stanford University. From here she took her Master's degree in 1899, her dissertation dealing with the early municipal history of San Francisco. During her graduate study she again came in active touch with Phi chapter, which had been transferred to Stanford from the University of the Pacific, and her practical advice helped with many problems connected with the new chapter home built during the year of 1901.

But the craving for larger experience and training led her to Columbia University for further study; and here she had the inspiration of coming in contact with Professors Osgood, Dunning, Sloan, Robinson and Giddings. But hard, earnest work at Columbia and vacation work on the manuscripts of the Virginia company still left her time to take active interest in the new field of art, music and the great human drama opened up by a first glimpse of life in New York City. This open-mindedness to new impressions from all sources is one of Miss Kingsbury's prime characteristics.

Her financial responsibility was lightened the second year by a University fellowship founded by the Society of Co-

lonial Dames, aided by two New York women interested in historical research. This was the first fellowship granted a woman at Columbia. Having passed her examinations for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, she spent fourteen months abroad on a fellowship from the Woman's Educational Society of Boston, carrying on the search for hidden manuscripts relating to the Virginia Company in the great manuscript depositories of England. A trip through Greece, Italy and Germany and some months of study at the American classical school in Rome, combined pleasure with work. On her return she became instructor in American history at Vassar College, carrying on at the same time the work of arranging and putting into shape the material she had discovered abroad. The formal degree of Doctor of Philosophy was granted by Columbia in May, 1905.

Last spring Miss Kingsbury's desire for wider usefulness, combined with her vital interest in life, led her to resign from Vassar. One of her minors at Columbia had been in Sociology, and when in 1905 she was offered a position as instructor of industrial history in Simmons College, in Boston, and the superintendency of an investigation by a commission on industrial and technical education in Massachusetts, she felt that this was an opportunity for usefulness which she could not ignore. The investigation which Miss Kingsbury is now conducting throughout the state of Massachusetts is leading her, with a corps of assistants, to gain a knowledge of the conditions of the children and of the homes of children who enter the industries between the years of fourteen and eighteen. It is impossible to say what the results of this investigation will be, but we shall look forward with great interest to the report of the commission for which Miss Kingsbury is carrying on this investigation—a commission appointed by Governor Douglas, with Colonel Carroll D. Wright as chairman—hoping that the work may help to solve the vexed problems of increased efficiency of the citizen as workman and as wage earner.

OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As the idea of Kappa Alpha Theta scholarship originated with a member of Iota Alumnæ chapter, Mrs. Josephine Cook Lippincott, a member of Kappa chapter while in college, Iota Alumnæ chapter, has made the consideration of this matter its special work.

At the Convention, recommendations were submitted by Grace Lavayea, of Iota Alumnæ, formerly affiliated with Phi from Upsilon chapter. These recommendations were received with approval by the Convention. Since then Iota Alumnæ has appointed a committee who have this matter in charge. This committee begs to present this as its report of active work being done by this chapter. Two hundred dollars stand to the credit of Iota Alumnæ chapter as pledged to this fund, and yet a thorough canvass has not been made. Plans for the best investment of this fund are being matured.

It is necessary to raise a fund of ten thousand dollars in order to produce an annual income of four hundred and fifty dollars. This income is as small as it is considered practical to have to provide sufficient means for special study abroad.

In order to interest other alumnæ chapters in this work, Iota Alumnæ proposes to send a personal letter to every alumnæ chapter, suggesting a plan in detail for work.

We regret to announce to the fraternity the news of the recent serious illness of Mrs. Josephine Cook Lippincott, the prime mover in starting this scholarship fund. She is now in Kansas City with her sister, Mrs. Harriet Cook Moore, also of Kappa chapter, while recuperating her strength.

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE TAYLOR.

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IDA B. LINDLEY.

Recommendations presented to the Convention, 1905, by Iota Alumnae chapter :

I. That the scholarship fund be raised by subscriptions. Alumnae chapters shall assist by individual subscriptions. Active chapters may assist.

II. That the Grand Council authorize an alumnae chapter to collect the subscriptions, and make said chapter the permanent custodian of the scholarship fund.

III. That the question of investment of fund be decided by an attorney, whether by form a trust or corporation.

IV. That in selecting the applicant, personality, natural mental ability, health and future prospects shall count twenty-five per cent. Previous accomplishments and prospects of future advancement shall count seventy-five per cent.

V. That the beneficiaries of this scholarship fund shall be the most deserving, according to the judgment of the committee on Scholarship Appointment, regardless of chapter rotation.

VI. That the recipient must be a college graduate or one who is to do work equal to graduate work in a special line.

VII. That the scholarship shall be awarded for only one year, on condition that it can be extended at discretion of the committee of Scholarship Appointment.

VIII. That should the recipient of this scholarship be prospered, it is desired that each of them so prospered be reminded, excepting those whose moderate wants press upon their means, to render aid to this scholarship fund.

IX. That the chapter which is custodian of the fund shall with the approval of Grand Council, appoint a Committee of Scholarship Appointment.

X. That the Committee of Scholarship Appointment shall hold the final decision as to such questions as whether the candidate shall undergo an examination or write a thesis,

and whether the judges shall be college professors or members of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity.

Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to adopt recommendations 1 and 2 and refer the other recommendations to the authorized custodian as suggested.

CHAPTER BUDGETS

Carefully have we planned in late conventions for a dignified, adequate celebration of Founders' day. The basic principle of the celebration was a reunion for each of our college chapters and a gathering together, in alumnae chapters or in smaller groups, of those alumnae not fortunate enough to come back to the home chapter reunion. The unity of each chapter we hoped to strengthen in this way; to keep the charter members from losing all identity save names; to introduce the freshmen and the graduates.

It was my privilege last summer to witness the "other side" of a reunion celebration by a chapter of another fraternity. Perhaps the experience may be suggestive to Theta college chapters—not necessarily as part of our Founders' day celebration, but as a yearly custom making for more intimate relations between active and alumnae members of a chapter.

In a small western city, I was a guest in a home whose mistress had been twenty years out of college. She lived a hundred miles from a chapter of her fraternity and fifty miles from any other member of it. One morning the postman delivered a large package of first-class mail. My friend greeted joyously her "annual letter," as she called it. It was a curious assortment of letters, notes, clippings, pictures, etc.

In the preceding November, in an Eastern college town, there had been written a "gossipy letter" telling all about the rush, the new girls, the chapter life of that fall. Attached

to the letter was a characteristic word or two of greeting from each active member of the chapter, and some snap shot pictures of girls and the chapter house. This letter, accompanied by a list of every member of the chapter with addresses, had been mailed to the nearest alumna with instructions to "add a word or so, keep not over five days, send to next on list." So for ten months had the letter journeyed and grown, until it reached my friend, last on the list because farthest away.

The pleasure my friend found in the letters my pen is not powerful enough to portray. First she must learn how the college year had begun and who the new girls were; then the messages from those she had known in college days; then from all the others in turn, many of whom she knew only through this "annual letter." When the letters had been read many times and the five days had gone by, she added her message and sent the budget back to the chapter house. There, she told me, was carefully filed each year's budget—favorite reading for freshmen and visiting alumnae.

Is it strange that her chapter has a wide reputation for loyalty and unity?

L. P. GREEN,
President of Gamma District.

THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

Among the greatest events in the history of the Student Volunteer Movement was the recent convention held in Nashville, which brought to the city between four and five thousand young college students, full of the great purpose of the "Evangelization of the World in the Present Generation." Throughout every session there was evinced a most unusual degree of unity and seriousness, and most impressive was the solemnity, the quiet and the method with which the work was done.

There were students from every section of our country,

and from Canada, students from every department of study. There were present hundreds of missionaries, who had already been in the active fields and who had come to put in a plea for the needs with which they were acquainted. There were hundreds who had pledged themselves to devote lives of love and usefulness to this cause, for which they had given up bright hopes and promises here in the home land. There were hundreds of those who, though not pledged to active service, were practically interested in the work.

One of the most beautiful parts of the service was the time for silent prayer after the great audience had been dismissed. Not a sound could be heard. Every head was bowed in the presence of Him who said, "Feed my sheep," "Go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel." The singing was entered into with great zest and the great hall rang with praise from thousands of voices.

Among the speakers during the Convention were many of the strongest and most experienced men. The history of the movement and its phenomenal progress was traced up to the present meeting. Every speaker, whether a diplomat, statesman, journalist, churchman or student, put great stress on the wonderful effects of these conventions; on the far-reaching results of the united action of the students of the Christian world.

The general interest of the public was shown by the great crowds which filled not only the auditorium but also the different churches in the city, where sectional meetings were held, where those who were not so fortunate as to secure seats at the Convention meetings might hear the same speakers.

Mention must be made also of the Volunteer Movement Exhibit, which showed the method of carrying on the work in the home field and the development of the study classes. The exhibit which was seen by over twenty thousand people, was of the greatest importance and benefit.

ALPHA ETA.

PAN-HELLENIC IN PORTLAND, OREGON

The fraternity women of Portland have just recently made their first attempt to organize, and thus to overcome a feeling of isolation that possesses every college woman, when she feels herself for the first time entirely separated from the congenial university atmosphere, and the close companionship of sisters.

Feeling thus ostracized from our old time pleasures, we gathered three months ago to form an organization, principally for social intercourse. We meet once a month at the home of some one of the members. The hostess is privileged to entertain as she wishes. A favorite plan has been for the members to bring sewing, and thus we spend the afternoon in good old-fashioned gossip. Old college pranks are told and we all feel how close is the bond that binds all Greeks.

Our Pan-Hellenic boasts twenty members. There are two from Alpha Phi, eight from Delta Gamma, two from Gamma Phi Beta, one from Pi Beta Phi, four from Kappa Kappa Gamma, three from Kappa Alpha Theta. The Thetas are: Mrs. McVey (Alice Jones), of Upsilon, Hazel Webster Spencer, Phi, '02 and myself, Phi, '05. Mrs. Spencer leaves for Japan this month, and that will leave but two Thetas.

The pleasure that the organization has given us justifies our enthusiasm. It fills a place that nothing else can fill. There is every reason to hope, that with the growth of the University of Oregon, our Pan-Hellenic will grow in size and strength, but we can not hope for greater enthusiasm.

LENORE LORAIN WILLIAMS,
Phi, '05.

Διαλεγώμεθα

A Reunion of Tau

Just now there is a movement on foot for a Theta reunion in Evanston. At the luncheon at Field's on Founders' day it was discussed at some length. Alta Miller has kindly offered her home, and although the date is not set it is to be held just before the close of the school year. We hope to see all the old Tau girls there and as many other Thetas as there are within reach at that time.

If this reunion is a success can it not be established as an annual custom? It will mean closer companionship, increased interest and will be so pleasant for one and all.

Lost Pins

An interesting question has come to my notice of late, namely, how may we obtain pins worn by girls not belonging to our fraternity? This question has probably not presented itself to all chapters and yet it is a hard one to answer. Have you thought how many Theta pins have been lost and how few have been recovered? Where are those pins? Someone must have found them. Recently I have had an experience in that line and have not yet solved the difficulty.

One cannot expect that the finders, if they know nothing of fraternities, realize what it means to be wearing the pin nor can they realize what it means to us to have them wear it. What can we do? It is suggested that we ask for it and offer to buy it. Clearly it is the property of one of our members and the finder should be willing and glad to return the pin to its owner. However, unfortunately such is not always the case. Upon approaching and inquiring as politely and courteously as possible about it and the pos-

sibility of buying it one is treated resentfully, as though she had no business to inquire. It is only human nature to resent any interference from a stranger, whether she is in the right or in the wrong; especially when honor is questioned, as it most certainly is in this case. For who could not find out what the organization was if she took the pains to ask? It would be very easy to find the owner if the pin had the name and chapter upon it. If not, then inquiries could be made by the fraternity as to lost pins and the finder compensated according to the value of the pin, if sufficient proof could not be found as to the ownership. But all this would necessitate some trouble and it can hardly be expected from any outsider. To avoid embarrassment it seems a fair plan to have the national organization step in in these matters and write officially upon the report of the chapter discovering the pin. This, it seems to me, would be much more dignified; it would mean more, and cause less resentment. This problem must come to a number of chapters. How would you solve it?

TAU.

Wearing Our Pins

The action of the last convention is assigning a particular place for the wearing of the pin will no doubt give us all many more pleasant experiences in traveling.

Last summer in returning from the west, the writer had the pleasure of meeting an Upsilon sister, who, with her husband, was on her way abroad. My eye caught sight of her pin; just then she noticed mine; we gave the fraternity grip, and found that we both knew a Theta who had done post-graduate work in the east. The rest of the trip was made delightful by our reminiscences of college and fraternity life.

A Theta once said to me that one day she was sitting in a parlor car on her way to Buffalo. Just in front of her sat a young woman. All the loose locks which some women

have so much trouble keeping in place were neatly brushed up and altogether the young woman looked very attractive. By-and-by she turned her chair a little and the curious-eyed Theta discovered a kite. She said she would have liked to talk to her but did not have the courage, for she had left her pin at home. The moral is obvious, for no doubt she missed a delightful talk, for there always seems to be something in Thetas which will make them congenial to one another anywhere.

KAPPA ALUMNÆ.

Exchange Journals

According to the recommendation of the Inter-Sorority Conference and the agreement of the Editors-in-Chief of the various sorority journals, each chapter represented at a college receives an exchange from every other sorority represented in that college. The general object of this agreement is to foster intersorority interests. Every sorority should be interested in every other one, if only to avoid the narrowing tendency of sorority life. The letters published in the quarterlies of the different sororities show the different view points of their various types of girls. Every college has its tone and atmosphere, every college has its aims and views, and a reflection of these is bound to enter into the journalistic material.

The Pan-Hellenic organization of the colleges is gradually coming to take a prominent position in the sorority world. The business of the Pan-Hellenic is to forward the mutual interests of the fraternities. The journals furnish material for Pan-Hellenic discussion by acquainting the delegates with the course of procedure in colleges other than their own and so these exchanges in a complete file, may form the best possible table of reference.

In this plea for the reading of the exchanges, there is one more thing to be mentioned: the expense to each publication

of keeping up its exchange list is great, and unless the exchanges are read, it is an expense without return.

ROSAMOND LELAND.

Upsilon.

Intimacy With Other Chapters

This year, shortly after initiation, one of our freshmen received a letter from one of Alpha Eta's initiates. In it, the initiate said, that after she had been initiated and had seen the "Kappa Alpha Theta," she thought how much she would like to know some of the girls in the other chapters. The idea came to her, "Why not write to the girls in Baltimore and get acquainted with them?" Accordingly she started a correspondence with one of our freshmen, which has been kept up ever since.

She wrote about the "little things" of her college life; the things that are sometimes the most interesting, but which do not appear in the chapter letters.

Since Alpha Delta has learned more about her Alpha Eta sisters—about their work in college, their interests in other things, and their own personalities—she has felt that our little sister at Vanderbilt has done a great deal to solve the question which has so often puzzled her, "How can we become personally acquainted with our sisters in other chapters?" This correspondence has made us feel as though we really knew a good many Alpha Etas and we hope that, in turn, the part that we have taken in the plan has brought Alpha Delta near to Alpha Eta.

It seems to me that it would be a good thing if this suggestion might be carried out by more of the chapters. It might even be possible for a few chapters, if not all, to have a round-robin letter by means of which they might be brought nearer together in a personal way.

EDITH SPROWLES,
Alpha Delta.

In Memoriam

Anna Elizabeth Oden Ohls

Alpha

Died in Chicago on December 20, 1905

Mrs. Henry Garnsey Ohls, was a student at DePauw, 1886-7, and a member of Alpha chapter. Before her marriage she had been a very popular and successful teacher in Odell, Hinsdale and Princeton. She leaves a husband and two children, aged ten and four.

Lillian Rice Holmes

Tau

Died December 11, 1905

Mrs. John Kearsy Holmes, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, formerly Miss Lillian Rice, of Evanston, Illinois, died of tubercular-meningitis, Monday, the eleventh of December, at her home in Swarthmore. Interment took place the following Thursday, at Cazenovia, New York, which was the home of her father and the former home of her husband. Mrs. Holmes leaves a son, thirteen years old.

EDITORIALS

The appalling news of the California disaster must inevitably cause sorrow to many members of our fraternity. We are unable to state, as yet, how seriously our two chapters near San Francisco may have suffered, beyond the ruin of many buildings at Stanford.

To all our members, whom this loss of life and property has saddened, all Thetas send sincere love and sympathy.

This is the season of farewells—farewell to the college, to the chapter and to the seniors. It is the season of that vain wish to stop the mad rush of the days before commencement week, in order to prolong forever that happiest of times, the last month of college, when all have become well acquainted, well adjusted in the intimate relation of chapter life and the routine work of college affairs.

To the chapter editors and corresponding secretaries the Editor wishes to say a regretful farewell. Through them the chapters have seemed very near. Loyal, conscientious effort has marked their work and a never failing courtesy in reply to telegrams for contributions overdue. Any injured feelings over the liberal use of the blue pencil or even the failure to print contributions which have cost hours of night work have been carefully concealed. It is only justice to them to explain that Journal space has been at a premium this year because of the special numbers on Convention and History, with a third number given chiefly to alumnae topics. A special number planned for next year has claimed still other contributions. This month the many letters and items of news have crowded out many well written articles.

We rejoice that so many chapters have arranged for summer camps or houseparties. At such gatherings we often find that some girl whom we thought we knew very intimately, has still another congenial side that has never been

shown before. Freshman, senior, and old alumna all seem then of the same age and friendships are cemented so firmly that no friction can break them.

Those active girls who spend part of the summer in the college town might try another way of getting in closer touch with former members of the chapter. Let them plan as one form of vacation recreation, several informal calls on the alumnae.

We are glad of the opportunity of printing the portraits of our founders as they looked in their college days, thirty-six years ago. Many of the younger members of the fraternity have never before seen these photographs. Possibly the chapters may wish to frame the prints for the chapter house.

The congratulations of the fraternity are extended to Mrs. Garrettson, our Grand President, on the birth of a daughter, on December 31. She bears the name already dear to us, Marion Whipple Garrettson.

Our Grand Treasurer, Miss Cockins, has recently had the great sorrow of losing her father, who died on April 8, at his home in Columbus. Loving sympathy goes from every Theta heart to our Treasurer and to her sister Grace, an active member of Alpha Gamma chapter.

All Thetas will be proud and interested to hear that Katherine Coman, an early member of Eta chapter and now Professor of Economics and Sociology in Wellesley College, has recently written an "Industrial History of the United States." The Bookman says: "Within the very modest scope of about three hundred and fifty pages, the author has chosen so wisely and arranged her materials so well that all essential facts find a place from the discovery and peo-

pling of the New World; and the business aspects of colonisation to the most recent developments of tariff, trust, railroad, currency and labor problems."

We are proud to claim as a "Theta husband" Samuel Merwin, who married Edna Fleshiem, of Tau. His latest book "The Road Builders" has had a warm welcome from the critics. The "Beta Theta Pi," of December, has a portrait of him and devotes a page to his work.

We notice in the list of national officers of the Association, of Collegiate Alumnæ, the names of Elva Young Van Winkle, Iota and Madeleine Wallin Sikes, Upsilon.

A LOVING CUP

A cup of Theta memories I hold,
Now June brings partings—some, alas! for years—
A wine it is of very sunshine gold
Distilled of love, of laughter, and of tears:
Fragrant of youth its fresh aromas rise,
Of girlhood dreams, where Friendship wears a guise
More regal e'en than Love—yet will essay
The little homely tasks of every day.
And in its glowing depths I seem to see
How many faces! with unshadowed eyes
That since have looked on sorrow's mystery
Or smiled at Death beneath far alien skies.
A cup of Theta memories I hold,
A wine of youth, of very sunshine gold.

CLARA LYNN FITCH.

NOTICES

Gamma Alumnæ chapter begs to announce that a committee is ready to meet any Thetas coming to New York, to find for them suitable boarding houses and to provide opportunities of study or work. Any Theta, therefore, desiring such service, may call upon the members of the following committee: Aurélie M. Reynaud, chairman, Mount Vernon, New York; Mrs. Homer Folks, 15 Landscape Av., Yonkers, New York; Anna Waters, 215 East 15th St., New York City.

If a boarding house is wanted please give details as to the price you wish to pay, the location you desire, etc. If you wish opportunities of work or of study, send full information. The earliest possible notification of your intentions and needs will greatly facilitate the work of the committee.

Will the alumnæ subscribers and chapters who have not received all numbers of the Journal due them for this year, kindly write to the Editor for missing copies. The January and March numbers can be supplied, but the November edition is exhausted.

Please report promptly any change in address.

The alumnæ whose subscriptions expire with this number will confer a great favor by forwarding their new subscription by September, without waiting for a notice.

Will the alumnæ who have stored away any old numbers of the Journal, that they are willing to give to chapters who wish them for archives, kindly communicate with Sigma, Upsilon or Alpha Eta.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Iota feels it incumbent upon her to chronicle a bit of ancient history before proceeding to the doings of the current term. Shortly before the Christmas holidays, we gave a tea; thereby introducing our new alumna, Mrs. A. W. Smith (who needed no introduction), and paying off obligations to kind town and faculty ladies. A very pleasant little dance at the home of Mrs. L. H. Bailey sent us home for the holidays rejoicing.

In the "Stunt" line this term, the Seniors led off with Mother Goose dramatized (as an offset to their extreme dignity); the Juniors followed with "Tuscarora," a clever production, wherein John Smith, by singing twentieth century ditties, wins Pocahontas for his wife; now the Barnes Hall stage and jerky, balky curtain is waiting for the under-classmen. To celebrate Washington's birthday, we donned the costumes of our great-great-grandmothers—plus patches and paint—powdered our hair and had ourselves immortalized in a ghastly, frightened-looking flashlight picture. Gillette and "Strongheart" in turn captured our hearts and pet scenes are still re-enacted after chapter meetings by our dramatic lights. The latest genuine dramatic event was the excellent presentation by the Alliance Française, of the annual play, this year, "La Bataille des Dames." And far be it from me to omit to mention in glowing terms, the revival of an old Iota stunt: "Lady Claire" in pantomime, executed to perfection by the 1909 Thetas. To offset the never-ending succession of examinations and prelims., Margaret Van Deusen, '09, entertained us at her home early in March, where those who couldn't remember the author of "The Merchant of Venice," found consolation in disporting themselves victoriously in the potato race.

The visit of their Honorable Augustnesses, the Chinese

Commissioners, was an event of much interest to the University and, we hope, to the Commissioners. The crowning event of the term was the Basket Ball games in which, after an excitingly close game with 1907, 1908 came off holder of the championship. After the games the annual banquet (rather Gym. picnic) was given by the Seniors to the four teams, on which festive occasion, everything was cheered from the Hindoo gentleman (then visiting Cornell) to the 1908 mascot, a voracious ant-eater.

Plans for our annual dance and for the entertainment of returning alumnae are prophetic of a very busy, happy spring term; and the prospect of a Theta house party on the shores of Lake Cayuga after commencement, promise the glorious rounding off of a very happy year. Ere this, we had fondly hoped to be gathering violets in some green, sequestered nook, but one night a blanket of snow fell gently but firmly, and since then we have been gathering—ourselves up from the slippery pavements. And now, as we set our faces homeward, we wish for all Thetas a happy Eastertide.

HELEN WILLOUGHBY UNDERWOOD.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Just now Lambda is happy over the prospect of a short vacation. The girls are busily preparing to leave for their own homes, in a few days.

The very first and best news that we have to tell the Theta world this month is that we can now introduce to them eight new sisters. The evening of the nineteenth of January found all the active and alumnae Thetas of Lambda chapter, who could possibly attend, gathered in the spacious home of Mrs. Robinson, née Clara E. Schouten, Iota. Before we left we had initiated Marion Dane, Maude Davis, Shirley Deyett, Miriam Hitchcock, Gertrude Gilbert, Ruth Reynolds, Mary Robinson and Mary Root.

Shortly after pledge day, Lambda gave a dance in honor of her freshmen. This was a new departure for us, as we

had never tried anything on so large a scale before, but it was a decided success.

One of our alumnae, Mrs. Votey, entertained the college girls at her home, the afternoon of the tenth of March. Mrs. Votey, who is an accomplished pianist, played many beautiful selections for us and Mrs. Bassett, who is the possessor of a particularly sweet voice, sang to us.

Just at present our freshmen are rejoicing over the fact that their class was victorious in the Inter-class athletic meet. A few years ago an Inter-class meet was an unheard of thing at Vermont; but now it has become quite an important function. The city people seem to take almost as much interest in it as the college men and women.

This year the Vermont men have organized a new club, to be known as the Boulder society. Its purpose is to do away with the old idea of fraternity rivalry entering into college politics and college affairs. The men are trying to meet on a common ground and so far the club has met with the best of success.

Lambda sends her love and best wishes to every Theta for a pleasant spring vacation.

MARY A. MURPHY.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Sigma chapter is overwhelmed just now with the thought of the approaching examinations, both of the university and the fraternity. As the former begin on the first day of May, we see nothing before us now, but continual study and the burning of midnight-oil. The fraternity examination coming at this time causes a good deal of anxiety, as Sigma is so busy and yet so young and ignorant! However, a reassuring letter from Miss Harrison has somewhat revived our drooping spirits and encourages us to face the inevitable as calmly as possible.

One of the most important events in our college world during the last two or three months, was the Student Volun-

teer Convention held at Nashville, Tennessee, from the 28th of February to the 5th of March, to which Toronto sent a larger delegation than any other university. Seven women from University College alone, went down to show Toronto's interest in the great movement—one of them, Edith van der Smissen, '07, being a delegate sent by Sigma chapter—a fact, by the way, which has greatly increased our prestige among the students generally. Ida Carpenter, '09, the first year delegate, has been initiated since the Student Convention, and Daisy Crampton, '04, was also present, representing Caldwell College, Danville, Kentucky. So that Sigma feels that she was well represented and intimately associated with the splendid work accomplished. All three girls speak in glowing terms of the kindness and cordiality of everyone to them as visiting delegates, but especially do they praise the hospitality of the resident Thetas. Our delegate was most cordially entertained at the home of one of the Alpha Eta girls, and was also present at the supper given by Alpha Eta in honor of visiting Thetas. About 25 Thetas from all parts of the continent sat down to the feast in a beautiful big chapter-room, of which our delegate still speaks quite enviously. A splendid enthusiasm for the cause of Foreign Missionary work was one of the main results of that inspiring week, as we learned from our delegate's address before the Y. W. C. A. after her return; but a sense of intense loyalty and increased admiration for our Kappa Alpha Theta, due to the gracious and unaffected hospitality of the Vanderbilt group of Thetas, seemed to us also an important result.

As the March issue of the Journal was the historical number, we have this month two initiations to chronicle. At the January ceremony, which took place at Mabel Millman's on the thirteenth, we welcomed four girls into our chapter: Mono McLaughlin, '09, Edith Atkin, '09, Jessie McCurdy, '09 and Constance Lewis, '07. The rites were again performed at Mrs. Bertram's house on March 13, when two more girls were made the proud and happy wearers of the

kite—the initiates being Ida Carpenter, '09, and Louise Carpenter, '04 (one of the members of our local society, who had not yet been initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta). This makes our number eighteen in all, besides one member of Delta Theta, who has not yet been initiated into Sigma chapter because of her absence in British Columbia.

In closing this last letter for the college year, I cannot refrain from speaking of the gratifying result of our college elections for the coming year. Edith van der Smissen, '07, was unanimously elected to the Presidency of the Women's Literary Society, the highest office in the gift of the women students, while two other Thetas on the Literary Executive, two on the cabinet of the Y. W. C. A., besides others on the executives of the Modern Language and Athletic Clubs, should be able to do much toward the creation of a fine college spirit and an appreciation for the high ideals of our single national fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta.

RUTH BERTRAM.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

We of Chi wish many times that we were able to share with sister chapters, the joys of chapter-home life. Let us give you a taste. On Saint Valentine's Day, our chaperon gave us a surprise at the evening dinner. Two of the city girls had been invited, and kept in hiding until we were ready to enter the dining room.

"Dear girls of Chi, behold your valentine!" said our chaperon as she opened the dining room door.

Such exclamations of "Ohs!" and "How pretty!" And such a scramble to obey the directions on the place cards, which were red hearts bearing a motto-candy-heart in the center. Candelabra with red shades gave a soft, cozy effect. Smilax twined about the chandelier from which was suspended a white arrow piercing two red hearts. Bands of red crepe paper and strings of tiny red hearts streamed from the chandelier to the corners of the table. The center-

piece was a red heart full of ferns. The gelatine-salad, biscuits and little cakes were all heart-shaped too; and from the motto-candies, with girlish superstition, we read our fortunes.

Possibly here is a suggestion for a rushing party, or just a good time among yourselves, which fraternity girls enjoy far too seldom.

We are especially anticipating the presentation of Macbeth by the "Boarshead," our University Dramatic Club. Two Thetas have prominent parts. This has given Chi girls a chance to get a glimpse of life behind the scenes. The privilege of watching a rehearsal conducted by as splendid a trainer as Professor F. D. Losey, is a rare opportunity.

A few of us, who attended the Student Volunteer Convention, at Nashville, had the coveted pleasure of meeting Thetas from many other chapters. The helpful talks we had together, and the hospitality of the Vanderbilt Thetas left an indelible impression. Our Vanderbilt sisters were in the station to welcome us, and "every heart beat faster at the glimpse of black and gold." One afternoon they entertained the visiting Theta delegates, and made possible a Kappa Alpha Theta convention in miniature. While clasping hands in their chapter-room, we realized what means "our chain of Theta hearts from sea to sea."

MAUD MERRITT.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Greetings to all of you, near and far! and that "hallo" should sound louder than our last one, for we have gained meanwhile six new sisters, as anxious as we for this their introduction to Thetadom. In February, at the home of Gertrude Adams in Camden, Katherine Wolff, Helen Underhill, Sara Hawkins, Grace Taylor and Anna Fell were initiated and on March 27, at the home of Mary Cranston, in Cynwyd, Julia Y. Atkinson was initiated.

Yes, the event of the year has come and gone, and now we can stop quietly for reminiscences on the good times which

hurried away, though none too swiftly we thought, beforehand, for as a chapter we have been quite festive and can look back on very many happy occasions. Alice Worth gave us a luncheon at the Bellevue Stratford," soon after the Chritsmas holidays, and in February, Marion Comly entertained us at a Valentine luncheon, while on March 23, the Swarthmore chapter of Delta Upsilon gave us a tea. As for the chapter itself, besides the numerous little informal parties, she was hostess at a tea given for our alumnae on Founders' day. It was delightful to be together, all the Alpha Betas near by; but added to the accustomed joy was the thought that other Thetas were meeting, singing and celebrating just as we were doing, and, perhaps, giving us a thought.

Now we are looking forward to the Banquet time and the close of College, for that day brings with it the preparation for a house-party. How I wish you might all look in on Alpha Beta! We will be enjoying to its utmost the hospitality of a great big Pennsylvania farm house and gossiping, I'll warrant, about last year's convention delegates. Never mind, we were proud of you all and remember you especially in the good wishes and good bye we send to every Theta to speed her on her summer holiday.

MARY E. NORTH.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

Though two months have passed since Founders' day, I am sure that each chapter is still interested in hearing how the day was spent. We, of Alpha Delta, celebrated by taking a long tally-ho ride in the afternoon. On our way home we stopped at the little Scotch Tea Room, and had some mighty goods things to eat. We arrived home just in time for dinner, and I think everyone was willing to vote that we celebrate in this way again.

We were glad to have with us, at one of our chapter meetings last month, Florence Pond, of Tau. It certainly does

a chapter a great deal of good to come in close contact with girls of other chapters, and Alpha Delta wishes she could have this privilege oftener.

The most interesting event in our college world, lately, was the Glee and Mandolin Club concert, which took place early in March.

Just now our fraternity life is rather strenuous, for we are racking our brains to find a good song there, and are studying for the coming examination. When we think about there being only eight weeks more of college work, it makes us settle down to our studies pretty hard, too. It reminds me that this will be my last letter to the Journal, though I hope not my last opportunity to write for it, for it has been a privilege and a pleasure to me to act for the chapter and the fraternity, in this way.

We send our best wishes to all the chapters for success in their coming examinations, and for a delightful and restful summer vacation.

CHRISTIE Y. DULANEY.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

Now that we are sending our last letter of the college year to the Journal, now that some of us are nearing the end of our four years' course, and now that already we have had to look ahead and begin our rushing (hateful word and thought!) for another year, it is only natural that we should look back upon the year so nearly gone. What has this year brought to Brown and to Alpha Epsilon? Much. First of all, we have our new Dean of women, who is trying to help us solve some of the most perplexing fraternity problems and who is putting us all on our metal to show the best side of our fraternity life. Then we have had our usual inter-class basket ball games, won this year by the Senior team, and because of the enthusiasm and fine spirit shown in these we have been presented with another beautiful trophy cup; this to be played for each year and given to the class

winning most points in all athletic games—that is in basket ball, tennis, field-hockey, etc.

This winter Alpha Epsilon has enjoyed with all other Brown students, the faculty teas newly established here. Our annual dance, which came February twenty-first, was a grand success. Soon the Senior-Junior debate, the Glee Club Concert, the Komian play, the Junior Promenade, the May Festival, etc., will come off, in all of which we of Alpha Epsilon are deeply concerned. But in the midst of our gayety our cosy Friday meetings and our jolly monthly suppers are ever with us, bringing a quieter tone and deeper friendship among us. Already we are busy with plans for our summer house-party, but where and when that will be we cannot yet say. We shall have to wait until next fall to tell you about that. Next fall, too, we hope we can say more about the new "John Hay Library" at Brown, for which Mr. Carnegie has given \$150,000 on condition that we raise an equal amount (and much of the second half has already been raised), and about our own new gymnasium for which ground has at last been broken.

Now, however, Alpha Epsilon must wish her sister-chapters good-bye for awhile, wishing all a happy summer vacation.

HOPE DAVIS.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

The spring fever of inactivity, despite the month and the typical weather, has gained no foothold on Alpha Zeta chapter, which is now passing through one of the most absorbing and interesting periods of college life. Pledge day for Barnard College freshmen is close at hand, and its proximity after six months of rushing, gives special zest to the coming intervening days. Details concerning the event might be as interesting to chapters at large as they are to us ourselves, but lack of space requires me to proceed to other items of importance, with the confident hope that Alpha Zeta will have several loyal little Thetas to introduce to the fraternity.

in the next issue of the Journal.

Since the last letter was written, the chapter has gathered together to celebrate several important events. On January 27, our active and alumnae members comprised part of the merry assembly, who, at a banquet at the Aldine association on Fifth Avenue, rejoiced over the thirty-six years, during which Kappa Alpha Theta has extended her sway to become national in the broadest meaning. Another birthday, which means very much to Alpha Zeta, we celebrated on March 19, the eighth anniversary of the founding of the chapter.

On the thirteenth of March one of our juniors, Jessie Patterson Cooke, '07, was married to Mr. Roland Smith, of New York. Of course we wished her all happiness and good wishes, but still could not repress the thought of how much we were losing from the chapter.

A dear member of Alpha Zeta, who has now been with us for about a month, I wish to introduce to all the chapters. Grace Turnbull, '07, was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta on the ninth of March.

Barnard College is now all astir with the coming elections, which take place during April and May, and many an agitated group may be seen discussing candidates for class and undergraduate offices. Field day is also an anticipated event. On this occasion, besides the usual field sports, the girls of the college will give an operetta, entitled "Barnard-esia" and written by one of the present seniors.

To all the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Zeta sends her best wish that their present and future may recapitulate the history that fills the pages of the last Journal.

MURIEL VALENTINE.

Beta District

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

We have just returned for the last term's work of the year and may say with Robert Browning "the year's at the

spring." As nature blooms forth in all her glory, we may truly feel that "God's in his heaven—all's right with the world." What a joy it is to us to see the beautiful spring begin, yet there must be a certain sadness along with it. How we all regret that this is the last term some of our number will be with us! Every swiftly passing year means a change in the fraternity. Alpha sends an especial greeting to those who, as active members, will no longer read these pages.

The winter months have passed uneventfully for us, but the monotony of school work was broken from time to time by various social events and athletic contests. Probably the most important "happening" in the college realm, during the last term, was the winning of the State Oratorical by De Pauw's orator, February second. The college bell, which began its merry ring about midnight, told of another victory in oratory for DePauw and another name added to the list of winners. We now look forward with great expectation and hope to the Interstate contest, held some time in May.

On February 26, we entertained the alumnae chapter at the chapter house. Although a very stormy evening, a number of the alumnae came and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Theta was brought closer to Theta and we hope that the same relation between active girls and alumnae may exist everywhere. A history of the chapter was briefly written, with blanks, which were to be filled with the names of members. This with other games afforded considerable amusement.

Col. George W. Bain, of Lexington, Kentucky, appeared in Meharry Hall, March 6, as the closing number on the De Pauw Lecture and Concert Course for this year. His subject, "A Search-light of the Twentieth Century," was one which interested everyone. The leading questions of the day were discussed in a concise manner, intermingled with considerable wit.

As the weeks roll on and the end of the school year draws nearer, may every one of us be brought closer into the bonds of Theta and may we each realize to the fullest extent how dear every Theta is to us.

MARY E. IBACH.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

Recalling a Journal article on "Vernal Impulses" brings to mind all too clearly the fact that Beta's spring letter is due. The new term has just opened and we miss several of our girls who will not enter, Edistina Hendrix, Wyrtis McCurdy, Anne Bishop and Ilene McCurdy. The tedium of registration is over and we have fairly started upon the "home-stretch," as the seniors name the final term. It promises to be filled with social events, started by the Panthygatric, April 14. On April 20, Theta entertains the various fraternities and at a later date, members of the faculty and other guests. The Ben Greet Company has been engaged by the senior class to present two Shakesperian plays; the May Festival will follow and Commencement not long after. Just at present, the paramount issue is the fraternity examination and the industry of some of the freshmen in reading the Journals, deserves commendation.

Beta has to realize with this last issue of the Journal, that examinations will soon be upon us, and Commencement to take the seniors from us; events which bring to a close a year of much joy for Beta chapter.

MAYME SWINDLER.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

The last term of the college year has come all too soon, and although we greet the advance of spring with feelings of gladness and expectancy, yet deep in our hearts is stowed away a certain sadness, as we think of those who must leave us in pursuit of the higher demands of life.

But let us turn to a brighter scene, and tell you what the events of our life here have been since Christmas. We are

glad to introduce to you two more sisters, Margaret G. Marquis, Lisbon, Ohio, and Edith C. Lawrence, Asheville, North Carolina.

Indeed, we pride ourselves rightfully on our budget of good news, for the Chicago alumni of Wooster University, have promised to give us a fifty thousand-dollar Gymnasium, the architecture of which will be Gothic in style, to correspond with the rest of the college buildings.

An Inter-Sorority Compact has been made, which, heretofore, has never existed, since the faculty rules have covered most of our needs in that respect. However, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma will now have uniform rules in regard to the pledging of preparatory students, rushing and bidding days.

We gave a St. Patrick's day party, March tenth, at the home of Frances E. Kauke, and made an effort to exhaust our store of originality and hospitality. Five of our alumnae returned for the event. Hazel K. Emery, Kenton, Ohio, Mary Anderson, Rochester, Pa., Cecelia Remy, Mansfield, Ohio, Laura D. Fulton, New London, Ohio, and Caroline McCulloch, Freeport, Pa.

We are now very deep in preparation for the fraternity examinations, but from the midst of them, we wish for each chapter the greatest success and for each Theta sister the happiest vacation.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

We are looking forward to the spring vacation which begins on the thirteenth of April. Most of the girls expect to return home or to visit near-by friends during the week. For the past few weeks, our spare time has been spent in house-hunting, as the owner of the present chapter house has decided to make it her own home. Our efforts have been well rewarded, for we have found just what we want. Although we are anticipating a better and more attractive home, still we are leaving the house which will always be cherished as

the scene of many fond remembrances. We are to have the use of our new house during the summer, so that if any Thetas decide to attend summer school, they can be accommodated.

We have planned a reunion of all of Eta's alumnae for the Commencement festivities and judging from the favorable replies to our invitations, it appears that the plan will meet with great success. The chapter wishes to express the desire that all old Eta girls come if possible.

During the past few months several functions have been given for the chapter, one of which was a pretty luncheon in honor of Ruth Lowe, '08, who has recently announced her engagement. We also enjoyed Founders' day banquet, at which several of our alumnae were present. On George Washington's birthday, Edith Thomas, '09, of Norwood, Mich., was initiated.

Most of the society events of the college year are passed, but there are still many smaller and informal parties and also the May Festival to take place. At the time of the Freshman banquet we entertained and pledged Elsa Heimberg, of Detroit.

Our alumnae will be sorry to hear of the recent and sudden deaths of Professors Du Pont and Pattengill, two of the oldest and most respected of the Michigan faculty.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

I have the pleasant duty of introducing a new Theta to the sisters of the black and gold, Rena Burnham, of Union City, Pa. Her initiation is to take place after our return from Easter vacation.

The girls of Mu are now most interested in trunks, suit cases and train schedules and everywhere you hear a cheery "good-bye!" for the thought of a speedy return in two weeks can give cheer even to parting. It is hard to realize that the term is actually over, for it has been so crowded with

college events that we can appreciate the expression "swift foot" of time.

The season in basket ball has been of unusual interest. A team among the girls has been successfully organized by a Theta and has played splendid winning games. The indoor track meets also demand attention and promise great things for spring athletics. There have been less strenuous pursuits also—Glee Club concerts and debates and for Thetas alone, the work of furnishing our new home, of which much has already been written. The college girl becomes partially submerged in the housewife, who measures for carpets, or deftly adjusts curtains. But it is the greatest pleasure to us and I know the girls of other chapters, who have passed through like metamorphoses, will heartily agree with me.

Mrs. Sturdevant, who founded Gamma chapter (a chapter afterwards withdrawn) visited us lately and her stories of fraternity meetings of other days, held mostly in the girls' own rooms, were of great interest to us. Mrs. Sion Smith was here and gave cheering stories of our alumnae in Pittsburgh.

Phoebe Finley, a delegate to the Student Volunteer Convention, at Nashville, has brought back to us glorious accounts of Thetas she met there. We have listened with spell-bound interest, feeling that nothing can better illustrate the strength of Theta bonds than the sympathy and interest each girl has for another wearing a kite.

May the completion of this year be as successful for Thetas everywhere as these last months have been, and may their prospects be as fair as the skies above and as beautiful as the budding flowers.

AMY V. COURTENAY.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE

On February twenty-second Myrtle E. Smith, of Metamora, Ohio, was initiated into our chapter.

Our annual Washington's birthday reception to the entire college was given in the Gymnasium on the evening of Feb-

ruary twenty-fourth. The old girls brought out their colonial gowns of last year to grace the occasion, while the new girls worked and sewed at gowns which quite eclipsed those of the "Martha Washingtons" at our previous parties. Red, white and blue decorations of all sorts, cozy-corners and pillows without end, made the bare old Gymnasium look unusually attractive. An orchestra, consisting of college men, was a distinct feature of the evening, for it tempted the students to a gayety far beyond the bounds of Albion College propriety. We are not allowed to dance, so we submitted to the inevitable, chatted merrily with our guests, served them with punch, delighted them with a short miscellaneous program and made the event as pleasant as possible for all,—fraternity and non-fraternity students alike.

A week after this party we gave a picnic-supper to the boys who helped us to decorate the Gymnasium. This after-event has proven to be a great incentive to our ever ready and willing boy friends who, in spite of their innate courtesy, do love to eat.

We are proud of our debating team which won a debate unanimously from Erlem College, Indiana.

Pi had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Shepherd and Miss Telling, Delta Gamma delegates from Northwestern University, at an informal afternoon tea at our lodge. We were delighted to hear of our Mrs. Norton through Miss Telling.

The ladies of Albion seemed to be well pleased with a reception which we tendered them in our lodge on January twenty-eighth.

RUTH LOUISE HALLER.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The second term of our school year has just ended, and we have entered the spring and last term, the best of all the year.

The new chemistry building, one of the finest on the campus, will be used this spring. The state legislature has

appropriated \$60,000 for a woman's dormitory. Ohio State has been in need of such a building for many years. No doubt the number of out-of-town young women who attend our university will be greatly increased.

The third week of April, an Athletic Carnival will be given in the Armory. Every society and organization in college will contribute some special attraction and it is hoped that it will be an immense success. It is Ohio State's first attempt along this line, but several neighboring colleges have had such carnivals and they have proven to be wonderfully successful.

The Pan-Hellenic banquet will be given April fourteenth. Last year there were one hundred and twenty-five fraternity women of the city in attendance, and we hope to have as large a number this year.

A Pan-Hellenic association has been established among the men. This plan has been attempted several times before, but to no avail, until some energetic men "pushed it through."

We give our annual dance the first of May, and our birthday banquet the twenty-fourth. This is the most enjoyable event of the year to every Alpha Gamma girl.

We have another name to add to the long list—Mabel Lovejoy, whom we pledged during the winter term.

EUGENIE ROUNSAVELL.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

When we of Alpha Eta heard that the Student Volunteer Convention for foreign missions was to be held at Nashville, our first question was, "Will any Kappa Alpha Thetas come?" and we were overjoyed when our secretary received several letters from Thetas announcing that they were to be delegates. We immediately arranged to have these delegates at the homes of some of our girls. There were, however, several Thetas who did not write us of their intentions. Our girls on the reception committee at the Union

Station met about fifteen Kappa Alpha Theta delegates.

In the anticipation of seeing her fraternity sisters the Convention itself had been a minor consideration with Alpha Eta and we had planned to make them enjoy their stay in Nashville to the utmost; but the Convention sessions, which came morning, afternoon and evening, left little time for entertainment of any description and the serious illness of one of our members, who had been taken to the Infirmary on the preceding Saturday, made us feel that an informal gathering of the visiting Thetas would be best, so that they might meet our girls and have a Theta talk with Alpha Eta.

So we had all the girls whom we could reach, at the chapter room one day, between the afternoon and evening sessions. The delegates present were: Miss Merritt, Miss Miller, Miss Tennant, from Syracuse, N. Y., Miss Nash, from Texas, Miss McWhirter, from DePauw, Miss Holmes, from Vermont, Miss van der Smissen, from Toronto, Miss Finley, from Allegheny, Miss Letherman and Miss Nichols, from Cornell, Miss White, from Wisconsin, Miss Fullenwider, from Illinois, Miss White, a pledged Theta from Wooster, and Miss Crampton, who is a graduate from Toronto and who is now teaching in Kentucky. Two other Thetas, Miss Sims and Miss Campbell, were in town, but we were unable to reach them.

How glad we were to have them with us! it was like a miniature Kappa Alpha Theta convention for Alpha Eta.

Otherwise we have been having a quiet time. We have on every other Saturday a social meeting at which two members furnish refreshments and we spend the afternoon singing and talking. Occasionally also we have a spread at night at our chapter room.

The winter is gone and the spring holidays are at hand. How our busy college days fly by! We are already looking forward to the close of the year and it seems as if it had just begun.

Immediately after the holidays comes the fraternity ex-

amination. We have made no arrangement this year for studying together, thinking that we will do better alone; for it will require work not only on the part of our freshmen, but of the old girls as well. KATIE GUILL.

Delta District

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

We have been doing such a variety of things since the last Journal letter was written, that it seems rather a hard task to select the most important of them. When we returned after the Christmas vacation one of the Freshmen, Emma Bullard, moved into the house. Soon afterward two more girls came in, so that now the chapter house is full.

The first week in February we had our semester examinations. Everyone spent an unusually quiet and studious two weeks and then, after the strain was over, relaxed for a regular jubilee. Now we are all working hard for the fraternity examination and hoping to get through it creditably.

There is great activity at present in introducing new sororities into the University of Illinois. Within a few weeks of each other, chapters of Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Kappa were installed. Although as chapters we are very slightly acquainted with the girls we all unite in wishing them every possible success. The local society, Zeta Nu, which is petitioning for a Delta Gamma charter, seems to be extremely worthy. We hope that success will reward their efforts.

On February nineteenth we held the second initiation of the year with Leonora Lucas, of Urbana, as the only initiate. She was pledged last fall, but could not be initiated then with the others. The nineteenth was on the day of our regular fraternity meeting, so we devoted the entire evening to the festivities. Beginning at five o'clock with the initiation, we followed with a spread, which in its turn broke up for a social fraternity meeting. We made the occasion our celebration of Founders' day, since on January twenty-

seventh we had been busy preparing for semester examinations.

Our annual dance, which might be called an informal formal, was held on Saturday, March twenty-fourth. We tried an entirely new plan this year, that of beginning at four-thirty in the afternoon. After the ninth dance we had dinner and then continued dancing till about eleven. Our guests seemed to enjoy themselves, and it is needless to say that Thetas had anything but a splendid time at a Theta annual. We were very glad to have two Tau girls with us at the time, Leila Thistlewood and Helen Holton.

We are now looking forward to a visit from another Theta, for we expect Mrs. Norton to spend a few days with us Easter week.

LOUISE SHIPMAN.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

The girls of Kappa chapter are just reassembled after spring vacation; the last spring vacation we are ever to have at the University of Kansas, so the Board of Regents decreed at its last meeting. From all reports every one seems to have made the most of this last chance. The girls who stayed in town gave a little party at the house and have talked so much since to the others about the good time had, they all wish they might have stayed.

On March 10, we held initiation for Helen Perkins, freshman, of Cleveland, Ohio, celebrating, a week ahead of time, the twenty-fifth birthday of our chapter. After initiation was the usual "Katsup." This time the special feature was a ballet chorus, which, dressed in true chorus girl style, in true chorus girl manner, sang a clever little "take-off" on the alumnae and on each member of the chapter.

At our last chapter meeting the resident alumnae sent word that they were collecting a complete file of the Journals for us, and that they would have each volume bound.

Several of the girls are planning to go to Independence, Kansas, on April 10, for the wedding of Mary Bowen, an

active member of the chapter last year, to Mr. Robert Snyder, of Kansas City, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon, of Missouri.

Two of our seniors, Hedwig Berger and Helen Alder, had the honor of being elected to Phi Beta Kappa, this spring. Hedwig Berger is also Editor-in-Chief of the "Jayhawker," the senior annual and Helen Alder is a member of the Senior Play committee.

We are very glad to be able to report that Chancellor Frank Strong, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever since the beginning of the spring term, has almost entirely recovered.

Kappa wishes you all the best of luck in your spring examinations and the pleasantest of summer vacations.

REBECCA E. MOODY.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Nearly another semester has passed since our last letter and we can hardly realize the fact that there are only two more months of college.

Some time ago, the editor of the Delta Delta Delta "Trident," Miss Fitch, was visiting her chapter here and the Thetas had the pleasure of meeting her at a reception given for her. Recently the Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma was here and a reception to all the other fraternity girls was held at the home of one of the Kappas in town.

On the twenty-third of February we gave our annual dance and the banquet was the following evening. The dance was at Walsh Hall and was an informal one. Quite a number of Thetas from out of town came to Lincoln for the two events. Forty-five Thetas sat down at the long table for the annual banquet on Saturday night and this was one of the largest in the history of the chapter. It is needless to tell how much each Theta there enjoyed it and how enthusiastic every one was.

A chapter of Alpha Xi Delta has recently been estab-

lished in the University which makes eight national sororities here.

On the twenty-fourth of March, the Pan-Hellenic organization gave a play at the Armory. The cast was composed of seven freshmen, one from each sorority. They gave "Bubbles," a short one-act play and afterwards the girls danced in the Armory. Each girl chose a partner from another sorority and much was done to promote a feeling of good fellowship.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The middle of the second semester is a peaceful, contented period for Tau. Everything runs along smoothly and happily, enough happening to make our fraternity chapter life very interesting to us. Miss Potter entertained in honor of Miss Blanchard, of Eta chapter. We all had a very enjoyable time and were proud to add Miss Blanchard's name to our list of Theta acquaintances.

We are now interested in planning our annual dance to be given this month, but are still more interested in the outcome of the rushing contract which is to be decided upon by the Pan-Hellenic association.

The junior play proved to be quite a success this year and we felt very much honored to have one of our members, Sarah Yount, in one of the leading parts.

The Woman's League is taking the attention of the women at Northwestern and promises to become a very beneficial and influential factor in college life.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

This last year has been an eventful one in many ways to both the college and the chapter. Two new buildings for the Academic college, a Woman's Building (to stand on the site of the Old Main) and a new Main Building and one for the Department of Medicine have been started and will doubtless be ready for next year. In February oc-

curred the annual Girls' Basket Ball Tournament. The result of the three games was a victory for the Senior Girls' team, which decided the ownership of the Silver Loving Cup for the ensuing year. Just now college is quite stirred up over the question of Faculty control of athletics and college publications and it remains to be seen for the future just what decision the students and Faculty will come to.

On January twenty-seventh we held our annual banquet in honor of Founders' day at Donaldson's tea rooms. Shortly after we had our second initiation of this year, when we initiated Donna Lycan, '09, of Crookston, Minn., and Mary Tomlinson, '07, who, however, was recently obliged to leave college and return to her home in Le Sueur. The first week in May we expect to give our formal party at the Town and Country Club in St. Paul.

Mrs. Woodward, of New York City, visiting delegate of Alpha Phi, visited the local chapter at Minnesota the latter part of March and Upsilon chapter enjoyed very much meeting her in a social way.

Just now we are looking forward to a visit from our district president, Mrs. Norton.

As this is the last letter to the Journal, Upsilon says good-bye to all her sister chapters until next year.

GENEVIEVE JACKSON.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Psi has indeed lived the "strenuous life" since her last letter to the Journal. After New Year's, came semester examinations; hard upon them Junior Promenade festivities, then the beginning of our second semester and preparations for the fraternity examination. During Prom. week we enjoyed entertaining Gertrude Curme, a Tau Theta, and Miss Williams and Miss Carver from Sigma Delta Theta, of Butler College.

On Thursday, February 22, we held initiation services for Jean Donaldsen, a freshman, who is introduced to you

now for the first time. Necessity proved the mother of invention on this occasion, for we held a morning initiation followed by a breakfast.

Wisconsin has just passed through its annual season of elections, class elections, different society elections and Self Government association elections. Of the latter organization Psi is proud to tell that one of her members was elected president.

Does every chapter make a point of entertaining its seniors? Our freshmen have set the pace for us this year by giving a formal dinner for the seniors, at a down-town banquet hall. Already we are beginning to dread the loss of the six girls who have been, so it seems, the very backbone of the chapter.

By the time this Journal gets around it will be nearing vacation time again, so to all of you Psi wishes a jolly good time for the summer.

RUTH GOE.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Alpha Theta's interests during this last term have been those of the University at large. The only thing we have possessed alone has been the prospect of the fraternity examination, and even that has been temporarily lost sight of in the "Sturm und Drang" period of term examinations.

Texas has been enthusiastic over the great Nashville convention, and inasmuch as one of the Texas delegates was chosen from Kappa Alpha Theta, the chapter has had its full share of interest in the convention and reports from it. Incidentally we have heard much of other Theta chapters there represented. Further, the first state convention of the Y. W. C. A. has just been held here and we have heard much of this work.

However, our life is not completely made up of conventions. We have had our usual good times, among them a couple of progressive chafing dish parties. At present we are looking forward to the general reunion which will

mark the installation of Dr. Houston as President of the University, on April the nineteenth. This is to be a gala day for Texas students and Texas alumni.

Perhaps you may be interested in a scheme proposed for uniting Texas's alumnae Thetas. We are as yet too young to have alumnae chapters over the state, but we are trying to establish a state alumnae association, so that Texas Thetas may be kept in touch with the Texas chapter as well as with the work of the fraternity at large.

It is hard to realize that this is the last letter to this year's Journal and harder still for those of us who are leaving college this year to realize that we will have to read our own chapter letters next year "to know things," yet it is a consolation to feel that we will be Thetas still, even when we are no longer in our college homes.

LILY B. CAMPBELL.

Gamma District

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

The subject that is of paramount interest now, to many of the girls of the university, is the proposed new athletic field for the women of Stanford. The university trustees have set aside about three acres for this purpose, adjoining Eucalyptus avenue, which leads into the Stanford estate, a most beautiful and picturesque site. The student body has generously agreed in the last year to give to the girls' athletic association for this new field fifty per cent of the student body fees paid in by the women of the university. The fifty per cent appropriation will probably be increased to eighty per cent, some time in the future. Five tennis courts and a hand ball court are to be built, and with our present basket ball field we will have ample opportunity for athletic amusement. Besides this we hope in the future to build a club house that may be of general use to all the women connected with Stanford. This proposed club house is a

spacious building of five rooms with broad verandas. It is hoped that it will prove a center of influence—a common meeting place for all the women of the university—a place where the Woman's League could meet, and all such organizations. The need of such a club house has been felt for some time by many women here, because the girls live in so many different places at Stanford; there is the girl's dormitory, the fraternity houses and many live in private families, or in boarding houses, both on the campus and in the little college town of Palo Alto. The support of this association is wholly from student body funds. The management is vested in a board of control, composed of five members; three girls, officers of the association and two faculty members appointed by the president. This plan offers to every true Stanford girl an opportunity for work; for, to be able to carry this plan through, there must be hearty co-operation of many willing hands.

We celebrated our fraternity birthday this year by giving a buffet supper to our alumnae, and in the evening they helped us in receiving at our usual monthly reception given to all our friends. We all spent a most enjoyable evening, from the freshmen to whom the birthday and traditions were new, the stately senior, who for the last time celebrated her fraternity birthday as an active member of Phi, to the alumna who looked back with fond recollections upon her own college days.

This new term gives us the pleasure of adding one more name to the chapter roll of Phi, Katherine Lee Culver, of Oakland, California.

The Pan-Hellenic contract for the coming year has not yet been arranged. It will probably be similar to the contract of this year, for I think that most fraternity girls in Stanford feel that the contract had numerous successful features. We attempted to do away with the expense and disagreeable incidents of rushing and such simple rules as,—there should be no rushing on week days until after four

in the afternoon; there should be no automobile or tally-ho parties; there should be no making of dates before matriculation day, except to register a girl; that no fraternity could keep a freshman two successive nights at the fraternity house,—certainly were more of a help than a hindrance.

MARY HUTCHINS.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The time now seems very close when the yearly change in the chapter and university at large takes place; when the seniors leave to take up whatever life each has chosen, voluntarily, or through force of circumstances. It is the smaller groups, such as the fraternities, who miss those who go out the most keenly, while each member in turn moves up his or her step in the all-eventful changes of classes. Berkeley closes its spring term on May twelfth, after the gayety of Class Day, extravaganza, fraternity "open house," Senior Ball, receptions and graduation.

The most noteworthy event since our last letter has been the Symphony Concerts, which have attracted universal attention. Every other Thursday, under the enthusiastic direction of Prof. Wolle, head of the new music department, some seventy musicians give to a far-western audience of five thousand people the wonders of Wagner, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and others of the great composers. These concerts, six in number, are held in the open air in the Greek Theatre. The last concert is to be Handel's "Messiah," sung by the university chorus of three hundred students which Professor Wolle has been training.

The Prytanean Society of the university, the honor organization among the women of the upper classes, has been striving some years to accumulate money enough for a students' hospital. Toward this end three events were given this term. Fraulein Ripberger's "Sistine Madonna," a remarkable piece of needle-work, was exhibited for four days in the art gallery of the Library, also the two dramatic

societies, "Mask and Dagger" among the women, "In the Meantime," among the men, combined to present "The Maneuvers of Jane," by Sir Arthur Henry Jones, in which a Theta played the title role. The following week the two musical clubs, "Treble Clef" and "De Koven," presented Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance." Nell Miller, our affiliate from Baltimore, sang the leading part.

Since our last letter Omega is proud of a new freshman, Mabel Pennell, who came out to California from Chicago University, Nell and Minnette Miller, of Alpha Delta, have also formally affiliated with us—our only regret is that this is their senior year, though they have already filled a place in the chapter life.

The Omega girls have just enjoyed one of those times, the memory of which lives longer than of books or class rooms. Last week from Thursday to Sunday, eighteen of the girls went on a house party to Brookdale, some eighty miles from Berkeley, in the heart of redwoods and madrones. With five girls in a room at night, three to cook each meal and three to clean up, a roaring fire the size of which is unknown to civilized localities, Omega passed the most memorable four days in her existence, and wended an unwilling way homeward, thankful in our hearts for the kindness of the hostess who had made the trip possible. Four days spent in such a way are worth four ordinary months, so far as possibilities for better friendships are concerned.

CORNELIA STRATTON.

ALUMNÆ CHAPTER LETTERS

ETA ALUMNÆ—BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Eta Alumnae chapter has been holding its meetings once a month at the homes of members. We seem to have made a happy combination of work and pleasure in selecting for our subject Italian Art. We began with Cimabue and Giotto and have taken up two or three great Italian artists each time. Each meeting is in charge of two members, but all members are invited to contribute to the evening's entertainment by bringing criticisms, quotations, pictures, etc. Several members have visited European Art galleries, and thus are able to give us their own impressions of various pictures. We have invited to these meetings members of the senior class in the active chapter, that they may enjoy with us these evenings on Art as a change from their regular college work, but more particularly that they may become interested in alumnae work now, then, after their graduation in June, they will be quite inclined to join an alumnae chapter here or elsewhere.

I notice many times references are made in our Journal to "Theta babies." I wonder if any other chapter than our own has a real Theta baby—one named Theta. One of Lambda's members has named her little girl Theta in honor of the fraternities of both father and mother—Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Delta Theta.

In April occurs our annual alumnae banquet, to which the active chapter is invited. At the table will sit one mother and her two daughters, another mother and one daughter, all Thetas, presenting the anomaly of mother and daughter, yet sisters—sisters in Theta. We have heard "the child is father to the man;" with us, the mother is sister to the daughter; for when we assemble in Theta hall, we are all "girls" together, regardless of those tell-tale numerals, '87, '97, '07.

Both chapters are looking forward with pleasure to the

visit of our District President, and if we can arrange to have Miss Lippincott at our alumnae banquet, our pleasure will be complete.

Last year three of our alumnae were married to three College professors in three successive months; and already rumors of another "epidemic of matrimony" are heard. Our ranks have been somewhat depleted by those who have succumbed to this epidemic, and they are in a sort of voluntary quarantine, undergoing a new kind of treatment called the *trousseau treatment*, during which they are subject to *fits*—or misfits. A thousand pardons, Thetas, but "A little nonsense now and then," you know.

MARY MILLS DEYETT.

ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Zeta Alumnae reports a most notable observance of Founders' day, January 27. One hundred Thetas were present at the birthday luncheon. Emma Virginia Pearson acted as toastmistress and members from each active and alumnae chapter in Indiana responded to toasts. We were fortunate in having with us Mrs. Shaw, one of the founders, who gave us an interesting account of the founding and of the time and circumstances in which Kappa Alpha Theta had its inception..

The names of those present are:

Miss Allen, Miss Baker, Irene S. Berryhill, Mrs. Lilla Hanna Berryhill, Edith Carmichael, Mary Conrey, Elizabeth Daugherty, Mrs. Grace Carter Davis, Mrs. Lilia Washburn DeMotte, Mrs. Elsie Applegate Drapier, Mrs. Ferree, Gertrude Free, Eva Fitzgerald, Mrs. Marie Gwynn Hester, Mrs. Grace Smith Hornbrook, Mrs. Ella Marsh Hough, Mary Ibach, Mrs. Josephine Cartwright Ives, Alma John, Margaret R. Jordan, Mrs. Nellie Truitt Lockridge, Louise McCabe, Vera McCabe, Mrs. Mary Falknor McClure, Ethel McKinstry, Luella McWhirter, Mrs. Celia Newcomer Mason, Minna Mattern, Mrs. Minnie Clark Mick, Mrs.

Martha Jenkins Moore, Florence Newby, Mrs. Mary Lewis Newby, Mabel O'Hair, Pearl O'Hair, Jessie Riley, Mrs. Edna Taylor Ritter, Mrs. Stella Green Rucker, Mrs. Kathryn Staley Searles, Ella Shaw, Mrs. Hannah V. Shaw, Ora N. Shirk, Mrs. John Scripps, Mrs. Mary Brann Smith, Bertha Stephenson, Maud Tarleton, Gertrude Taylor, Mrs. Minnie Ridpath Thayer, Mrs. Thornburg, Mrs. A. W. Tripp, Mrs. Laura Campbell Truitt, Louise Tutewiler, Charlotte Tribblet, Margaret Tribblet, Grace Walker, Mrs. Josephine McNeill Walker, Ida Blanche Weaver and Mrs. Cora Smith Wilk, of Alpha chapter; Mrs. Ida Reid Ashby, Miss Mary Ardery, Mrs. Martha Ardery Batcheler, Anna O. Bishop, Mrs. Leona Alexander Blacklidge, Virginia E. Claybaugh, Mrs. Rhoda Ballanger Cunningham, Nelle Fruchey, Mrs. Lucy Howe Hall, Atta Henry, Mrs. Margaret Todd Holland, Sue Howe, Blanche Kercheval, Arda Knox, Mrs. Clara McMurry Lewis, B. Hazel Mowers, Ruth O'Hair, Emma Virginia Pearson, Mrs. Lottie Knox Perrill, Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Mrs. Caroline Minor Rodecker, Mrs. Edith McMaster Scott, Mrs. Josephine Pittman Scribner, Mrs. Ella Corr Service, Margaret Snodgrass, Mary Snodgrass, Dr. Urbana Spink, Mrs. H. L. Stephenson, Mrs. Linda Jose Stokesberry, Mrs. Daisibell Hendrix Sutherland, Mrs. Mary Wood Weaver, Mrs. Lula McCollock Weir, Mrs. Grace Rowler Wheeler, Mrs. Horace Wilcox and Mrs. Anna Carter Wood, of Beta chapter; Mrs. Cora Campbell Barnett, Mrs. Emma Heacock Boston, Mrs. Jennie Hannah Brown, Mrs. Corinne Thrasher Carvin, Emma Clinton, Mrs. Julia Holland Donahue, Mrs. Mary Clinton Eichrodt, Margaret J. Erasman, Mrs. Rosa Stout Hoberg and Mrs. Ella Hurst Hubbard, of Gamma chapter; Mrs. Janette Culbertson Archer, of Nu; Mrs. Alice Temple Day, of Pi; Ruth McCabe and Mary Ristine, of Tau; Mrs. Anne Harwood Sims, of Psi; and Jean Kirlin, of Alpha Delta.

KAPPA ALUMNÆ—PITTSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The members of Kappa Alumnæ chapter have enjoyed two social affairs recently, the first "unofficially," so to speak. Miss Alice Dinger was entertaining as house guest Miss Ethel Sharp, and received with her and with our former president, Mrs. Crispin, now of Philadelphia.

The second event was our Founders' day luncheon, given at Hotel Schenley. Mrs. Thorpe was toast-mistress, and fourteen eager Thetas gathered around the table. In addition to the toasts and responses usual to such occasions, we enjoyed the informal accounts of several narrow escapes—Miss Diebert from the Johnstown flood, Miss Dinger from a train wreck on one of the mountain tracks of Colorado. Some fun was indulged in at the expense of the three brides present, Mrs. Emma Weeks Crispin, Mrs. Coral Merchant Lowe, and Mrs. Alice Bennett Pollard, who has just come to Bellevue to live.

Our spirits were checked, however, by the absence of several of our most faithful members. Dr. Goff and her sister, Mrs. Mae Goff Smith, were anxiously watching Mrs. Smith's husband, who was suffering from a relapse from typhoid fever. Miss Blanche McGough was mourning the death of her brother, Dr. McGough.

With these bright spring days, everything is looking fairer. The ill are recovering and we expect a reunion in a few days at the home of Miss Mary Porter Boss. We wish all Thetas new strength and vigor with the returning spring.

CORAL MERCHANT LOWE.

XI ALUMNÆ—KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

We Kansas City Thetas are filled with enthusiasm this winter and every meeting helps the spirit of ambition for the fraternity.

The day after Thanksgiving we entertained the visiting girls from Kansas. We had a breakfast in the Coates Hotel

at twelve o'clock—a very pretty affair, we are proud to say. All of us, thirty-four there were, were seated at one long table, which was decorated with chrysanthemums and beautiful black and yellow candle shades. The place cards, with the programs on the back, were black cats with enormous yellow bows, the work of our excellent committee, whom we at once attempted to elect for life. Our charming president, Mrs. Saunders, was toastmistress and four toasts were responded to; two from our own alumnae chapter, one from Kappa and one from the Alumnae Club at Lawrence.

The songs, which all sang afterward, filled our hearts with loyal cheer and the blessed loving cup, as, standing, we passed it around, drew us close in Theta love even as we sang farewell.

On the Saturday following, Miss Drake entertained delightfully for us and those K. U. girls who could stay over. We are close to Lawrence and of course see girls from Kappa chapter frequently, but these meetings served to bring us in closer touch with them and strengthened our interest in their chapter work. One meeting was an "At Home" with Miss Nettleton, only the necessary business was attended to; then we tried to see who could talk most. Our most dignified member won the prize for "Silence is golden." The worst talker or the "best" talker received a booby prize.

We have no set system for our meetings, but no afternoon yet has been long enough for all we wish to say and do.

ROSE WATSON RISING.

IOTA ALUMNAE—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

We of Iota Alumnae celebrated Founders' day this year with the largest and most successful banquet that we have ever held. It has always been our custom to meet for some sort of reunion on this anniversary, and for the last three years this reunion has taken the form of a banquet.

On the evening of January twenty-seventh, forty loyal

and enthusiastic Thetas gathered in the large banquet room of the Ebell Club House to renew old friendships and form new ones. Fourteen chapters were represented: Iota, Lambda, Alpha Delta, Alpha, Beta, Eta, Pi, Delta, Rho, Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Omega and Omicron.

Our members from Phi chapter gave us a delightful surprise in presenting us with a handsome silver loving-cup. As the cup circled around the long table in the standing toast to our Founders and our fraternity, we softly sang the words, dear to all Iota Alumnae since they were written by Edith Hill, one of our most earnest workers:

Come, Theta sisters, join with me,
To swell the loyal chorus,
To sing of our fraternity
Whose loving reign is o'er us.

(S. D. B.)

PERSONALS

Iota

Born, to Harriet Bishop Rose, '03, a daughter, in March, 1906.

The engagement is announced of Ethelyn F. Binkley, Iota, '04, to Mr. Aubrey Lee White, of Spokane, Washington.

Lambda

Born, to Prof. and Mrs. E. C. Jacobs (nee Mabel Nelson), a little son, Harold Nelson, March 22.

The engagement of Mary Wheeler, ex-'06, to Mr. Kenneth Hosmer, has been announced.

Fanny Atwood, '00, has announced her engagement to Mr. Glenn C. Gould.

H. Elizabeth Holmes, '06, attended the Student Convention, at Nashville.

Junior week will come the last week in April, instead of the first week in May, this year.

Gertrude Thompson, '07, is at her home in North Brookfield, Mass.

Maude Davis, '09, and Gertrude Gilbert, '09, have been chosen as speakers, in the Julia Spear Prize Speaking Contest.

Margaret Healey, '01, is teaching in the Hayward Indian School, Hayward, Wis.

Mrs. Jessie Hunt Ellicott is now living in Montpelier, Vt.

Clara Ida Colburn, '88, is the principal of a large private school in Salt Lake City.

Lambda is anticipating a visit from Ruth Esther Keesee, ex-'05.

Mrs. Florence (Burdick) Hayes is in Madrid, Spain.

Helen Barker, '08, is visiting in Washington.

Lucy Bean, '08, is spending her vacation in Boston.

Mrs. Irving H. Deyett (Mary L. Mills, '85), has presented Lambda with two dozen silver teaspoons.

Miss Platt is visiting in Burlington.

Mary C. Tewksbury, '99, is in Burlington.

J. Adelaide Marshall is spending her vacation in St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. Annis Isham Abbey is now living in Essex, Vt.

This year Lambda will celebrate her twenty-fifth birthday. We hope to have many of the old girls with us at our birthday party.

H. Elizabeth Holmes, '06, is to be one of the two women speakers at Commencement.

Sigma

Mabel Steele, '07, gave her third piano recital on March 10, when we were once again proud of our gifted sister.

Louise Carpenter, '04, has been paying Toronto a delightful three weeks' visit.

Nora Thomson, '04, came down for the January initiation from her home in Owen Sound, where she is giving a course of English lectures.

Daisy Crampton, '04, is teaching French and German in Caldwell College, Danville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Melville Bertram, '03, has turned from a pleasant trip to California, and the Sunny South.

Chi

Our district president, Miss Mary Lippincott, has just made her annual visit to Chi. It was possible for her to be with us only over one day; but her wholesome Theta personality made the conception of our national fraternity more real and vital to us. We wish very much that later Miss Lippincott may come back for a few days to the warm friends she has left at Chi.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepherd (Edna Mitchell, '04), returned March 30, from a year of study and travel in Europe. Dr.

Shepherd has accepted a professorship in our Medical College.

Chi welcomes again Martha Allen, ex-'07, who returned to complete her college course.

In March, a daughter was born to Maisa Parker Nusbickle, ex'04.

Camilla Quackenbush Cristman visited at the chapter house several days in March.

Lola E. Lowther, ex-'04, has recently left Syracuse to make her home in North Yakima, Wash., with her father.

Mary L. Cook, '03, visited at the chapter house January 6-9.

Grace I. Northrup, Iota, '07, has entered Syracuse University and become an affiliate of Chi.

The engagement of Amy Beckwith Bates, '07, to George W. Stark, Phi Delta Theta, '07, has been announced.

Grace N. Baird, '04, visited the chapter, December 13-18.

Maud Millington, ex-'05, was here for the Junior Prom., December 19-21.

Mrs. Lizzie Lowell Hammond, '94, who is teaching in Penn Yan, was here for our birthday, January 27.

Martha Allen, ex-'06, is taking a course in kindergarten in Syracuse High School.

The engagement of Marian Brown, ex-'03, to John W. Butterfield has been announced.

Alpha Delta

Mrs. Ira B. Penniman (Cora Gardner, '07) is living at 111 South 25th Avenue, Omaha, Neb.

Mary E. Sears, '99, is teaching in the High School in Lockport, New York.

Born, in August, to Mr. and Mrs Earl Spencer Bridge, a daughter. Mrs. Bridge was Emma Lou Cunningham, ex-'00. Her home is now 388 Boylston Place, Milwaukee, Wis.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Eberhart (Maude Kingman, '98) in October, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Dyer (Elizabeth Sooy) in Steubenville, Ohio, a son.

Dr. Eva M. Blake, '97, is practicing medicine in Germantown, Pa.

Alpha Epsilon

Born, to Edith Thompson Warburton, '98, a daughter, Faith Warburton.

Abbie Ghodey Coffin, '02, has named her small son, born on February 3, Richard Guild Coffin.

Blanche L. Smith, '07, was one of the delegates to the Y. W. C. A. Convention recently held in Lowell, Mass.

On February 23, a daughter, Deborah Wilcox Sayles, was born to Adelaide Burton Sayles, '01.

Harriet F. G. Stevens, '04, has recently announced her engagement to Mr. Everett Murphy.

Alpha Zeta

On March 13, Jessie Patterson Cooke, '07, was married to Mr. Roland Smith, of New York.

Anne Dunkin Green, '05, has recently announced her engagement to Mr. Guy Bates.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marvin (Adelaide Hoffman, '99) in March.

Alpha

A second son has been born to Mrs. Mary Town Lockwood, of Shanghai, China.

Miss Lenni Burner, '05, is teaching German in the High School of Brazil, Ind.

Mrs. McGaughey, of Greencastle, has a baby girl.

The engagements of Edith Walker and Irene Berryhill, '04, have been announced.

Epsilon

Florence Clarke Frazier, ex-'08, Zanesville, Ohio, spent several days with us.

Harriet Townley, ex-'02, will spend next summer abroad.

Eta

Born, to Professor and Mrs. James Maclay (Winifred R. Craine, '95) on February 28, a son, Craine Maclay.

Kathleen Anderson, M. D., '04, is spending the winter at her home in Salt Lake City.

Bernice Bond, '06, has announced her engagement to Mr. Harvey Farnum, of Toledo, Ohio.

Anna Drummond, '03, has a position at the University of Illinois.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lowrie (Mabel Gale, '99), a daughter.

Louise Gibbs, '99, is teaching in Phoenix, Arizona.

Charlotte Greist, ex-'04, has returned from her studies in Paris. Eta chapter extends to her its sympathy in the recent death of her father.

Grace Hills, '04, has been elected to the head of the Latin department in Muskegon High School.

Regina Kingman, ex-'07, spent the holidays with Annie White, ex-'06.

Ruth Lowe, ex-'08, has announced her engagement to George Woods, of Ann Arbor. The wedding will take place in September.

Eta has recently pledged Elsa Heimberg, of Detroit.

Helen Post, '03, Janet Goudie, '04, Lois Wilson, '05, Myra Post Cady, '95, have visited Eta recently.

Mary C. Stewart, '04, was married March 27, to Harold Hooker, '04, Eng., Sigma Nu, at Saginaw. They are at home at 257 East 65th St., Chicago. Annie White attended the wedding.

Margaret Stockbridge, '08, spent the spring recess with Mary White, at Fremont, Mich.

Kathleen Viet, ex-'00, leaves in April for a three months' trip abroad.

Charlotte Walker, '00, spent her vacation in Ann Arbor,

the guest of Eta chapter. She is teaching in Kenilworth, Chicago.

Cora E. Wells, '03, is teaching in New Ulm, Minn.

Eta chapter urges all her alumnae to attend the reunion which will be held June 22, and the days following.

Mu

The marriage of Ethel Hires, ex-'06, to Mr. Charles E. Kearney, '03, occurred at the bride's home, Salem, N. J., January ninth. Mr. and Mrs. Kearney will reside at McKeesport, Pa.

Phoebe Finley, '08, was chosen to represent Allegheny College at the convention of World Wide Missions, held in Nashville, Tenn.

Pi

Rouie Adair White, ex-'02, was married on January first to Mr. J. Sherman Collins, of Municing.

Ruth Louise Haller, active, gave her senior pipe-organ recital on the evening of January 30.

Mrs. Edward Everett, ex-'04 (nee Belle Blowers), has changed her residence from East Orange, New Jersey, to Pittsburg, Pa.

Harriett Dalrymple, '99, of Albion, has announced her engagement to Frederick Day, Sigma Nu, at the University of Michigan, from Portsmouth, England.

Gertrude Kamps, Inez Craman and Belle Blowers Everett, have visited us this winter.

Alpha Gamma

Mary Loren's engagement to Mr. Walter Jeffrey, Chi Psi, has been announced. The wedding will take place the fifth day of June.

Catherine Andrews, an assistant in chemistry, announced her engagement to Mr. Karl Warren Gay, a professor in Ohio State.

Katherine Early and Mr. Alvin Bonnett, Phi Delta Theta, announced their engagement.

Cornelia Miller, who is teaching this year in Elyria, spent a very pleasant two weeks' vacation at her home.

Helen Powell, Florence Bell and Edna Hoover have charge of one of the largest day nurseries in the city.

Mrs. Walter Sears (née Carpenter) spent two weeks in Columbus, during March. Several little informal affairs were given in her honor.

Alpha Eta

Miss Margery Ezell, ex-'07, has moved to Nashville.

Miss Stella Scott Vaughn has returned home after a serious operation at one of the infirmaries in the city.

Miss Louise Wilson, '05, who is teaching in Franklin, Kentucky, spent several days with us.

Miss Elizabeth Adams, from Louisiana, is to make us a visit in the spring.

Delta

Helen Holton and Leila Thistlewood, of Tau, spent a few days with us in March.

Fanon Bailey, of Columbus, a Theta pledge from Alpha Gamma, attended our annual, March 24.

Helen Taylor, '02, of Bloomington, and Alice Pitts, of the same place, who was pledged by Eta chapter last year, were here to the annual.

Pearl Higinbotham, '05, is teaching at Sullivan, Illinois.

Another of the "old girls" back for the annual was Mary Zurhorst, ex-'07, of Sandusky, Ohio. Nell Davidson Gage, ex-'08, of Chicago and Norma Love, of Danville, were also present.

Florence Pitts, Isabel Jones, Isabel Staley, Bess Trevett and Ina Lapham expect to go abroad for the summer.

Nell Trevett Finch has a baby daughter, born February fourteenth.

Six Delta Thetas are now instructors in the University of Illinois. They are Bertha Pillsbury, Isabel Jones, Florence Pitts, Helen Bullard, Emma Ody Pohl and Mrs. Lincoln.

Ellen Huntington, '03, has a position in the Household Science department of the University of Wisconsin.

Ellen Smith, '02, is employed in the John Crerar Library in Chicago.

Edith Willis, ex-'04, graduated from Smith College last June.

Jane Mahan, ex-'05, was married in Pasadena, California, to Garland Stahl, Sigma Chi, on the twenty-fourth of January, 1906. They will make their home in Washington, D. C.

Kappa

Hazel Fassler and Helen Smith, of Topeka, visited the chapter the first of March.

A Theta Alumnae club has been organized at Topeka, within the last month. Anna Harrison, Kappa, is president, and Hazel Fassler, Kappa, is secretary and treasurer.

Invitations have been received at the chapter house to the wedding of Mary Bowen, of Independence, Kansas, on April 10th, to Mr. Robert Snyder, of Kansas City, Mo. They sail from New York, April 17th, on Der Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

Mrs. A. J. Craig, of Ann Arbor, Mich. (Marion Innes, '96) has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Innes, during the past month.

Mrs. George T. Nicholson, of Chicago (Julia Watson, '81) visited her sister, Miss Carrie Watson, University Librarian, the last week in February.

Rachel Pugh, '02, Nellie Wilhelmi, '03, and Alwine Wilhelmi, '07, have been spending the winter in Italy. They will not return until early next fall.

Estelle Riddle, '01, of Topeka, spent several days at the chapter house the last week in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood H. Drake (Jennie Moore), of

Fort Scott, announce the birth of a son, William Albert Drake, on March 6.

Rho

Ella Harper, '02, has returned from a prolonged Eastern trip.

Jeannette Post, '03, has announced her engagement to Allan Sedgewick, Phi Kappa Psi.

Georgia Patterson is traveling in Europe.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gere (Dena Loomis), in March.

Harriet Paul, '05, has been visiting Edith Robbins for the last month.

Tau

Rose Berkey Rickenbaugh, ex-'91, is spending the winter in California.

Jean Meredith Sleep, ex-'92, was married in November to Mr. Henry W. Beyers and lives in Edgewater, Chicago.

Lina Kennedy Preston, '91, is now living in Muscatine, Iowa, where her husband is pastor of the Congregational church.

Lida Scott Brown is now living in South Bend, Indiana.

Isabelle Wells is private secretary to Hobart Chatfield Chatfield-Taylor.

Adelaide Lewis is again living in Chicago. Her engagement to Mr. Harry Heffern has been announced.

Grace Haven Holmes, Minnie Church Bagley, Jessie Sawyer Calderon, Ida Sawyer Tait and Herta Curme Davis have visited in Evanston this year.

Gertrude Curme attended the Junior Prom. at Wisconsin and spent a very pleasant time with the Psi girls.

Ruth McCabe came up from Crawfordsville to the Prom., and visited us for a few days.

Helen Holton and Leila Thistlewood went down to Champaign to the annual dance of Delta chapter, where they enjoyed themselves immensely.

Charlotte Walker took supper with us March the twelfth.

Ruth Dale gave a luncheon on Saturday, March 24, for the active chapter, and we had a jolly time together.

Josephine Webster will leave for Europe next month.

Marian Keyes, who has been ill with pneumonia for the last four weeks, is now quite well.

Tau sends heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Garretson.

Upsilon

Alice Jackson, '05, has announced her engagement to George S. Wheaton. The wedding will take place in May, at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. P. Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. George Evans return soon from California, where they have been spending the winter.

Mrs. Herbert Barrows (Anne Burr) is now living in Hingham, Mass.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kimball (Eleanor Skinner), a son, Leonard Skinner Kimball.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Burch (Katherine Jackson, '95), of St. Paul, a son.

Miss Winifred Sercombe, Psi, has been teaching in Minneapolis this year.

On February 7, in St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral, occurred the double wedding of Blanche Stanford, '01, and Dr. Frank Bissell, Beta Theta Pi, and Helen Stanford, ex-'07, and Mr. Frank Fernald, Phi Gamma Delta. Mr. and Mrs. Bissell are living in Maple Lake, Minn., while Mr. and Mrs. Fernald have gone to Livingston, Mont.

Katherine Kennedy and Glenn Stockton McKee were in Minneapolis for the Stanford wedding. Mrs. McKee was visiting Maidie Trever Stockton.

Ruth Leonard was present at the April meeting of Beta Alumnae.

Foi Hotchkiss Fitch and Blanche Stanford Bissell visited in the city in March.

Mrs. Steele, a bride from Iota, now living in St. Paul, was present at our initiation in March.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henri Duval (Zoe Hotchkiss), of Beaver, Pa., a son, Richard Henri Duval, on February 12.

Sorrow has come to three members of Upsilon. The mother of Mattie Robinson died on January 27. Elizabeth Moore, sister of Margaret Moore Spicer, died very suddenly on April 9. Beth Fisher Litzenberg lost her mother April 20.

Psi

Mrs. Madge Sexton Coleman, '97, is visiting in Madison.

Mrs. Kate Sabin Stevens has recently been appointed a Regent of the University of Wisconsin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gill (Laura Sceets), a son, on March 31, in Milwaukee.

Psi has recently enjoyed visits from the following: Edna Zinn, '04; Ethel Moore, '05; Ethel Strong, '05; Ruth Phelan, '05; Mildred Clarke, ex-'07; Madge Parker, '05; Joe Boden, '00; Leila Pugh, '05.

Phi

Winifred Webb, '97, has been visiting on the campus for several weeks.

Mrs. Clifford J. Cross (Alice Carey, ex-'01) made Phi a short visit in March.

Helen Vinyard Peasley, '00, made a short visit to Stanford recently.

Hazel Traphagen, '05, who is teaching school in Marlborough School, Los Angeles, spent her spring vacation with us at Stanford.

Ethel Traphagen, '04, who is teaching in the Girls' Collegiate, Los Angeles, made us a short visit in her Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Page (Marie Markham, '99), spent a few days at Stanford on their wedding trip.

We have enjoyed having Mabel Ray, '05, with us in the chapter house this semester.

Edith Miller, ex-'06, has left college and is at her home in San Francisco.

Mary Moore, '07, has been at home this semester, due to illness in the family.

Jean Mead, '09, has been out of college this semester because of ill health. She has been spending the winter in Pasadena with her mother.

Alice Atkinson, Iota, is spending a few months with Mrs. Henry W. Rolf, in Palo Alto.

Ruth Forbes, '07, is back again in college after a year's leave of absence.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Moy Stevens (Mary Hendrick, '03), in February, a son.

Bertha Lindley Coffin, '87, University of Southern California, and Adelaide B. Pottenger, '93, University of Vermont, who were delegates to the State Federation of Women's Clubs, held at San José, Cal., made the chapter a short visit the first of February.

Clara Stevenson, '04, and Genevieve Chambers, '03, sailed in March for Japan.

The marriage of Sara Reid-Park, '04, to Lieutenant Roydon Beebe, Vt., '00, took place January 31, 1906, at Salt Lake City, the home of the bride.

Mrs. Will Kelley (Alberta Perry), Beta chapter, is spending a few months with her parents in Palo Alto, Cal., and Phi has enjoyed having a share in her visit here.

Omega

A daughter was born to our Grand President, Marion Whipple Garretson, December 31.

A daughter was born to Minnie Ray Wilson Olney, '00, in January.

A son was born to Clara Walton Prescott, ex-'07, in March.

The engagement of Elsie Burr, '99, and Professor Harry Overstreet, Beta Theta Pi, '99, is announced.

Marion Walsh, ex-'07, and Mabel Pennel, '09, are traveling in Japan and the Orient.

Agnes and Elizabeth Arneill, '04, of Ventura, are visiting Omega at the chapter house.

Maude Sutton, '03, is traveling in Europe, also Grace Fisher.

Iota Alumnæ

We were pleased to have the following visitors present at the birthday banquet: Mrs. Charles H. Lippincott, Mrs. C. F. Whittlesy and Mrs. F. W. Rickenbaugh, of Tau; Mrs. Wise, of Alpha; Miss Dawn Williamson, of Beta; Miss Helen Nind, of Upsilon; Miss Post, of Rho; Mrs. J. F. Walker, of Pi, and Miss Flora Pope, of Delta.

Clara Smith and Claire Soulé were attendants at the wedding of Sara Reid-Park in Salt Lake, January thirtieth.

Clara Smith entertained Iota Alumnæ on December 28, in honor of the visiting active members from Phi and Omega.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCrea announce the birth of a son, Joel, on November 6, 1905.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

Pi Beta Phi announces the re-establishment of Iowa Gamma chapter at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, on Saturday, February 24, 1906.

Sigma Xi was installed at Northwestern in January.

Delta Delta Delta will hold her convention in Syracuse, June 25-29.

Phi Kappa Psi met in convention in Washington, D. C., April 18-20.

The nineteenth biennial convention of Pi Beta Phi will be held in Indianapolis, June 26-30.

Alpha Xi Delta announces the installation of a chapter at the University of Illinois on December 5.

Zeta Tau Alpha meets in convention in Knoxville, Tenn., June 14-16.

Delta Upsilon installed a chapter at the University of Illinois, December 21.

Theta Delta Chi held its fifty-eighth annual convention in Boston, February 22-25.

Northwestern University has chosen for its president Abraham Harris, of the Jacob Tome Institute.

Southern Kappa Alpha has entered the University of Oklahoma, being the pioneer fraternity in that institution.

Chi Omega is to hold a convention in Washington, D. C., June 27-30.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has established a chapter at Syracuse University. Mu Phi Epsilon has chartered a local musical society at the same college.

The fraternities at Nebraska have organized an Inter-Fraternity Council having an active and alumnus delegate from each fraternity and three faculty members. The Council is to have authority to correct and discipline the fraternities.

Four large buildings and a Stadium are in the process of erection at Syracuse. The new College of Pedagogy will be opened in the fall. Its building will be on the Yates Castle property.

Plans have been proposed for moving the buildings of Johns

Hopkins University from the city of Baltimore to Homewood—a site outside of the city, bequeathed to the institution by the late William Wyman.

The members of the Des Moines Women's Pan-Hellenic Association held their annual banquet Jan. 26. Ninety-seven members of the eight Greek letter societies were present. Mrs. Nellie Smith Knotts, of the old Theta chapter, responded to a toast.

The alumnae of Kappa number thirty-eight hundred. Of this number fully one-fourth is organized in twenty-eight alumnae associations.

The *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* publishes a table of relationship of members, giving name, chapter and year of initiation of new member and the same of older member, and stating the relationship.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly has started a new department: "With the Writers," consisting of a list of magazine articles, books and reviews by members of Delta Upsilon.

On December 26, 1904, at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon convention at Memphis, Tenn., that fraternity published the first issue of its "Convention Daily News." The Record claims that the idea is, "so far as the writer is aware, a new venture in fraternity journalism." On October 26, 1904, two months earlier, the first copy of "The Convention Daily" was published at the Chicago convention of Delta Upsilon, and was, so far as we are aware, the first venture of its kind.

Incidentally it was in 1867 that Delta Upsilon published the first Greek-letter fraternity magazine, *Our Record*, the predecessor of the Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

—Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

The Delta Upsilon Fraternity is engaged in collecting a library of fraternity publications, and has appealed to the various organizations for support in this undertaking. The only expense connected with the matter will be that involved in furnishing sets of books and magazines, and in the pledge to continue to send future issues. The material will be permanently installed in the New York Public Library (Astor, Lennox, and Tilden Foundations) which insures donors of proper care of the material. The undertaking is in the hands of the librarian of Delta Upsilon, Mr. W. Oakley Raymond, 451 West East End Avenue, New York City. It is to be hoped that all fraternities will rally promptly and generously to the support of the undertaking.

The grand triumvirs have voted to co-operate under the direction of Grand Historian F. A. Perine.

—Sigma Chi Quarterly.

Beta Theta Pi has issued its seventh catalogue, for the sixtieth year of the fraternity, 1905. The volume contains 985 pages and shows an increase of something over 20 per cent in the membership of the fraternity since the last catalogue was issued six years ago. The total membership is given as 14,341. The editors are William R. Baird, Stevens, '78, and James T. Brown, Cornell, '76.

Phi Delta Theta has just issued a history of that fraternity written by Walter Benjamin Palmer, who has served as editor of several song books, manuals and the *Scroll*, and as president of the General Council. This book of 966 pages is illustrated by many photographs, facsimiles of documents, etc.

Psi Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are other fraternities that have published histories.

The *Independent* for February 15, 1906, has an article on the "Distractions of College Fraternities" written by "The mother of a fraternity girl in a well-known university of the Middle West. The article is strictly true, except slight changes to disguise the identity of the author." It dwells upon the expense and the number of entertainments of the rushing season, which was governed by an inter-fraternity contract framed with a view to eliminating the more objectional features and to minimizing the incumbent expenses and upon the "race for luxury and display" in the fraternity and college social life. "The iron-bound code of social and political ethics" seems both marvelous and droll to the author.

In an editorial comment on this article the *Arrow* says:

The mother of Ellen, with good reason, sees much to disapprove of in fraternities. Now we should like to hear from the mother of shy and awkward Lucy, who sees her daughter rounding out into self-possession; of lazy Susan, who is made to turn to and work for the common good; of selfish Polly, who for the first time in her life learns what it means to give up her own will. Ellen's mother speaks truly, but is it the whole truth?

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

November—Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha.

December—Kappa Alpha Journal, Shield of Theta Delta Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Trident, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta and the Lyre.

January—Arrow, Rainbow, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Anchora, Crescent and Phi Chi Quarterly.

February—Sigma Chi Quarterly, Alpha Phi Quarterly, Alpha Xi Delta, Themis, Caduceus, Beta Theta Phi, Eleusis of Chi Omega, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha Journal and Phi Gamma Delta.

March—Trident, Rainbow, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Crescent and Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

April—Phi Gamma Delta, Anchora, Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho, Kappa Alpha Journal, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Key and Arrow.

After stating that Dr. Ridpath was a member of Phi Gamma Delta and Prof. Locke of Beta Theta Pi, an editorial in the Phi Gamma Delta continues:

It thus appears that Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi assisted in bringing to birth this first woman's college fraternity. Kappa Alpha Theta now has twenty-five active chapters, the members of which, as we have met them, represent the highest type of young womanhood. Perhaps, and likely, there is no association of women in America with higher ideals and better insight into the things that count than these women of Kappa Alpha Theta. The womanly strength, tenderness, and intelligence that is theirs has been, and will always be, a beneficent influence that will not be accorded general public recognition. Yet, like all obscure and potent influences, it will be better beloved for its obscurity by those who do recognize it.

It is not mere sentiment, but fact, that, like the Greek women of old, these are the kind that buckle on a man's armor and send him forth to life's battle with confidence in his power to endure and with prayers for the greatest victories. These are the kind the thoughts of whom incite men to the highest and most difficult accomplishment and make men pure, tender and strong; these are the home-makers in the best sense; these command the deepest and most fervent love and the completest respect and confidence of the men they have chosen for comrades and husbands; or, if they have seen fit to go through life alone, these are the wholesome and vigorous women who "do

things," or those who, not physically strong, fill the atmosphere about them with sweetness and light—often with an unselfishness that, in other times, would have crowned them saints. These are the kind of women that make Kappa Alpha Theta and other sororities an incalculable power in after-college life.

The part of Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta in assisting the foundation of Kappa Alpha Theta was probably very small, but they may well plume themselves for having had anything to do with it. Here's to the continued good fortune of Kappa Alpha Theta, and may the history of her future be yet greater than that of her past.

The Trident, after speaking of our Historical number, says: "They publish a splendid magazine, and as a fraternity are well organized and progressive and stand for high ideals."

Space does not permit us to review in detail the girls' magazines. The zeal, loyalty and energy displayed in these publications and the intense interest manifested in them by their supporters, as shown by the numerous serious and sensible contributions, should put to shame many male organizations publishing magazines and bring to those so woefully lacking in enterprise as to publish none, a full realization of their inferiority. The most pretentious are the Pi Beta Phi Arrow, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Key, and the Kappa Alpha Theta, organs of the older Orders numbering twenty-five or more chapters each, and any one of the three is better than the organ of any of the men's fraternities with a like number of chapters.

In brightness, naturalness, and good sense the sorority magazines are ahead of the fraternity publications. Their articles are more varied and contain far less gush, surprising as it may seem. There is in them a much greater amount of helpful thought, helpful not only in fraternity affairs, but in the general and everyday interests of both active members and alumnae.—Kappa Alpha Journal.

Frank Wieland, President of Delta Tau Delta, in a letter to the Editor of the Key, says:

We have a rather remarkable alumni organization. If I had any special message for Kappa Kappa Gamma, that would seem to me to be of special import, I should say "Foster your Alumnae." Encourage the formation of alumnae bodies, but insist, as we insist, that each give evidence of activity. While it is proper for these associations to meet once a month and dine, that is not sufficient. Advise the beginning of an endowment fund for the building of chapter houses; or if that seems too stupendous,

establish a fund to aid some struggling girl in paying her tuition. As long as many worthy Kappas and Deltas are forced to give up their college work because of lack of funds, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Tau Delta have not yet reached their full possibility of good.

Chapter Presidents: Do you consider your duty done when you preside at a meeting, or do you also keep yourself informed as to whether your Chapter officers are attending to their duties? Do you ever consult with your Corresponding Secretary on the subject of general Sorority business, to find out if there are any matters which call for discussion or vote by the Chapter? Do you ever ask your Treasurer whether all dues have been paid up or whether all Crescent subscriptions have been collected and sent in?

Corresponding Secretaries: Is there any unanswered mail which you have neglected? When you receive a letter from the Executive Board or the Editor of The Crescent, do you sit down at once to answer it or take steps immediately to ascertain any information that may have been asked for in it? If you met a Gamma Phi on the campus or on the street and she asked you a question, would you calmly look her in the face and pass by without a word? That is what you do every time you fail to answer a letter.

Chapter Treasurers: Are you sure that you know just exactly what your duties are? Could you tell at once, if your Chapter President should ask you, on what date certain dues should be in your possession? Have you collected all the subscription money that your Chapter owes The Crescent? Do you try to get new subscribers? Do you feel any delicacy in asking a girl for her dues? You should not. It is purely a matter of business; she owes the money; you are the one authorized to collect it.

Finally, make it a point, all of you, to consult the Constitution occasionally. Make sure that you understand just what the duties of your office are and then do not rest until they are faithfully performed.—Crescent.

Just as soon as a national fraternity as a whole or any chapter in a fraternity gets the idea that it is the strongest and best and can rest a little on its honors, then it starts to decline. This is true, no matter how strong the chapter or how strong the national fraternity. Over-confidence always brings failure sooner or later. We must keep alive; no matter how fine we may be there is always room some place for improvement.—Anchora.

Optimism is a desirable virtue, and let us have the courage and

confidence inspired by it to undertake all our duties. But there is an extreme which is dangerous to progress. An exaggerated self-praise and over confidence are ridiculous and are barriers to the best development of any individual or group of individuals. Sober thought will reveal the fact that the highest mark of perfection has not been attained, and the realization of our shortcomings is necessary before improvement can begin. Let us not be so blinded by our virtues that we cannot see the failings.—Eleusis.

Keep guard over your lives that you may never be the cause of internal strife, or bring the slightest heartache to a sister.

Never suggest what others might do. Be a doer yourself.

Never lower the standards of your sorority by being too narrow minded to recognize the merit in others outside of your own circle.

Make "the tie that binds" mean much to you during college days.

In all your doings, remember that we are always striving for a nobler womanhood.

If the alumna would be loyal, let her never lose interest. This, we believe, is one of the offences which alumnae are prone to commit.

Never write back to the chapter which fostered you and ask the girls, "How is your chapter progressing?" Let it always be my chapter, even though lands and seas divide you from that shrine where once you so joyfully worshipped.—Alpha Xi Delta.

The Michigan Daily gives the following figures for the fall enrollment at some of the leading universities of the country: Michigan, 4,049; Harvard, 3,865; Minnesota, 3,759; Columbia, 3,725; Pennsylvania, 3,250; California, 3,100; Yale, 3,100; Cornell, 2,982; Illinois, 2,944; Northwestern, 2,741; Chicago, 2,530; New York, 2,500; Wisconsin, 2,414; Ohio, 1,860; Texas, 1,815; Nebraska, 1,705; Iowa, 1,661; Stanford, 1,610; Kansas, 1,530; Princeton, 1,424; Indiana, 1,382; Missouri, 1,298; Colorado, 750; Virginia, 685. Michigan, third in enrollment last year, now passes Harvard for the first time and takes first place. The first six of last year were Harvard, Columbia, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin. California last year stood eighth, and Pennsylvania twelfth.—Caduceus.

Cornell still stands at the front as the supremely Greek letter university, being the home of twenty-two chapters. Michigan and California contest second place with nineteen apiece. Col-

umbia, Lehigh and Pennsylvania are similarly tied with eighteen chapters each. Minnesota has seventeen, and Wisconsin, Stanford and Chicago have fifteen each.—Beta Theta Pi.

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LATE NEWS FROM STANFORD

After our magazine is printed, there comes this news in detail of the damage at Stanford University, which we believe our reader will be glad to have.

The Theta chapter house is damaged, but not destroyed. The Daily Palo Alto says:

Taken all in all the damage [to the fraternity houses] was not irreparable, save in the case of the Chi Psi house, which must be rebuilt. There were no serious injuries and but few were hurt. Some of the houses will be occupied tonight.

The Chi Psi house was the hardest hit of any on the campus. The place is a complete wreck. It was thrown ten feet off its foundations and the floors are torn out. The house is condemned, and the occupants are living in tents.

It has been determined to immediately begin the task of rebuilding the University. By next August it is expected that the buildings will be so far repaired as to readily admit continuation of all ordinary work.

Quick estimates have been made as to the cost of rebuilding the outer and inner quadrangles, with the exception of the Arch and the Memorial Church. One hundred thousand dollars will rebuild for all regular purposes the outer and inner buildings, which will be restored to the same state as before the earthquake.

The committee of engineers, who examined the buildings, make the following statement:

After a careful examination of the buildings used for university purposes, including Roble and Encina Halls [dormitories], we find that the damage from the recent earthquake is much less than was anticipated.

The buildings of the inner quadrangle, the one-story buildings of the outer quadrangle (with one exception), the Zoology building, the Physiology building, the Assembly Hall, the Library, the old Engineering building, the Machine shop, the Foundry, the Mechanical laboratory are substantially intact, and can be used after a few minor repairs.

The four corner two-story buildings and the small one-story Physics building of the outer quadrangle, the Forge shop, the Wood-working shop, and the Chemistry building will require partial rebuilding of some of the walls.

In Encina Hall the south walls of the east and west wings will require partial reconstruction; also those portions injured by the two fallen stone chimneys. The fall of one of the chimneys, which tore through the floors to the basement, caused the death of one student. Aside from the damage noted above, the building, as a whole, is uninjured and perfectly safe.

The damage to Roble Hall is confined to the two holes torn in the floors by the falling chimneys. The remainder of the building shows practically no evidence of having passed through an earthquake.

In the opinion of the committee, such of the buildings mentioned above as are necessary for carrying on the university work can easily be made ready for occupancy and safe use in time for the opening of the University on August 23d.

Our full and detailed examination of the buildings, from foundation to roof, shows that the actual damage to their stability is less than might be inferred from external appearances.